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Plea to keep day care for the disabled

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to save a "vital" disabled children's service hit by cuts.

The KIDS Orchard Centre, Lye, will lose £30,000 when Dudley Council withdraws its Area Based Grant in 2011. More than 800 youngsters who use the centre may be left without day care or evening activities if it closes.

The blow to the centre may be even worse because match-funding from other groups such as the Dudley Primary Care Trust relies on council cash support.

Children will start campaigning with a fund-raising Christmas show. Staff plan protests and to lobby councillors in the hope of changing their minds. Applications for funding from a number of groups and charities are being made to keep the

centre running for at least another year. So far they have contacted Awards for All and Aiming High for Disabled Children.

Anna Billingham, senior practitioner, said: "Without funding we won't be able to run the services but we don't want to give up yet."

On Friday December 17 the centre's dance and drama groups will stage the festive show at the Royal British Legion Club, Amblecote at 6.30pm.

Inevitable

Dudley Council cabinet member for children's services Councillor Liz Walker, says Government reduction of public debt in the wake of the recession, plus lottery funds being diverted to the Olympics, makes cuts inevitable and voluntary groups will need to raise cash from a range of sources.



Tina Boothroyd of Access for Dudley with ranger Mary Spiers and one of the pieces of disabled-friendly gym equipment in Huntingtree Park, Halesowen

Step up in healthy hub campaign

NEW disabled-friendly gym equipment is adding a different dimension to facilities at Dudley's Healthy Town hubs.

There are five healthy hub sites around the borough and each one is having an extra step added to one of their exercise bikes, helping people with mobility problems use them more easily.

The modifications have been made in consultation with local disability group Access in Dudley and Huntingtree Park in Halesowen is the first area to benefit from the improvements.

Work will now follow at Dell Stadium in Brierley Hill, Silver Jubilee in Coseley, Netherton Park and Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge during the next month.

Abbey, eight, raises £150 – at a stroke

AN eight-year-old Black Country girl raised £150 for Children in Need by doing a sponsored swim. Abbey Tromans, of Malvern Crescent, Dudley, took less than half an hour to complete 20 lengths.

Her family gathered to support her at Dudley Leisure Centre, where she was given a badge to herself by swimmers.

THE traditional bugle played by rag-and-bone men in the Black Country has been outlawed under new council rules which label it "noise pollution".

Dudley Council alone has received 16 complaints from residents about the noise disturbance from the bugles since May and now environmental health officers are on the case.

They have been joining police for spot checks on rag-and-bone men as part of Operation Steel, which tackles metal theft, warning that the bugle can no longer be played as they do their rounds.

Less than 100 council have also been sent

to known scrap dealers in the borough. Local historian Professor Carl Chinn MBE said the sound of the bugle formed part of the region's heritage.

"Sounds are a vital part of our landscape and of our living history," he said. "I fear we are in danger of becoming a homogenised, sanitised and sterilised society, with no individuality, diversity or colour."

Priorities

Horatio Thompson, aged 65, has been involved in the family-run HO Thompson scrap collecting firm in Wellington Road, Dudley since it began in 1948. He says: "The bugle is a way of life for collectors and it's a pleasure to try and

ban it. If they ban that, are they going to ban the Salvation Army using instruments and shaking their tambourines?"

Jim Holland, a former scrap collector who stood as a Tory election candidate in the 1992 General Election for Dudley East, says: "Once you start complaining about noise pollution, you could bring into question traffic, car horns and all kinds of sounds. To me, there should be bigger priorities than the sound of bugles."

Council spokesman Phil Parker said: "Since a joint operation between the council and police in September the authority has received calls complainants to confirm that the collectors are now co-operating with noise issues."

Candlelight sing-alongs as old house gets festive

CHRISTMAS is just a month away and staff at Cradley Heath's Haden Hill House are gearing up for the big day with a host of festivities.

They kick off their Yuletide activities with a Victorian Candlelit Christmas event on December 2, when the whole building will be decked out in traditional Christmas paraphernalia.

The dining table at the Halesowen Road venue will be decorated for Christmas dinner and lit up with candelabras.

Visitors can join in with a Christmas sing-along in the drawing room and help the housekeeper make paper chains to decorate the servant's quarters.

Grotto

The event runs from 6.30-8.30pm and costs £2 per person.

For youngsters Santa will be in his grotto on December 4, 5 and 12 from 12 noon – 4pm, with entrance £2.50 each including a present for children.

Also on December 5 visitors can call in at the Tudor Old Hall to see costumed characters and undertake some Tudor Christmas activities, while on December 12 the same venue will be hosting a Christmas craft fair between 12-4pm.

For more information visit www.museums.sandwell.gov.uk



Museum assistant Anne Willets, seated, and development officer Alison Hyatt prepare for their Victorian Christmas at Haden Hill House Museum, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, with resident head of the home mannequin, 'George Alfred Haden Haden-Best'

DUFF NOTE OVER TATTERS' BUGLE

Pubs in running to help

GENEROUS regulars at pubs in a Black Country village did their bit during a fun run for charity.

Punters in the Forester's Arms, The Plough, The Gate and Unicorn pubs in Wollaston donned fancy dress costumes for the event. They ran and walked around the village at the annual event, collecting funds for Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge along the way.

Just over £134 was raised from the street collection which will be added to sponsorship monies.

The run, organised by Forester's Arms landlady Sue Gardiner, has raised over £13,500 during the last seven years.

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Michael 'Mick' Coyle as a seaman in his 20s and right, on parade during a Remembrance Day



Popular Navy veteran 'Mick' dies, aged 85

A ROYAL Navy veteran from the Black Country who raised thousands of pounds for charity has died at the age of 85. Michael 'Mick' Coyle died on November 12 after a six-month battle with lung cancer.

His wife Phyllis, to whom he was married for more than 60 years, today paid tribute to her "wonderful, hard-working" husband. "He was such a good man, so lovely and very well liked throughout Dudley," said Mrs Coyle, aged 82.

"We have had around 300 cards from people which shows how much people liked him. He was in a lot of pain but never moaned, he was joking right up to the end."

He leaves a daughter Jennifer, aged 60, grandson Oliver and great-granddaughter Nancy, who turns one next week. She said the day before he died, he told her he wished he was able to watch Nancy grow up.

Mr Coyle, a welfare officer for Stourbridge Royal Naval Association, was one of six veterans who helped raise the £86,000 needed to create the cenotaph in Dudley's Coronation Gardens, and he and Phyllis collected money for hospitals in the area, Dudley Hospital Radio, Dudley Sea Cadets, St John Ambulance and numerous other good causes.

They also founded the annual Remembrance Concert, which was taken over by Kingswinford-based Gentlemen Songsters four years ago.

Mr Coyle joined and worked as a stoker in the Royal Navy, later serving on the Russian convoys, for six years.

Cenotaph service

He met Phyllis at a Christmas fairground in Dudley while he was on leave and the couple were married on October 30, 1948. When he left the Navy, he worked in factories in Dudley and Wolverhampton before starting work as a caretaker at the newly-built Bishop Milner School in Burton Road, Dudley.

Tragedy struck in 1966, when their 13-year-old son - a student at the school - was killed in a traffic accident and Mrs Coyle said they both found it difficult to cope with his friends' grief as well as their own on a daily basis.

So, when three years later the borough engineer asked Mr Coyle to be the caretaker of the new Churchill Precinct in Dudley town centre, they took up the offer and moved into a flat above Beatties.

They were there for 13 years, before moving to their current home in Derwent Close, Pensnett, as Mr Coyle cared for the Civic Hall in Brierley Hill. His funeral will be held over two days.

On November 29, undertakers will take Mr Coyle home, before transporting him to the cenotaph for a service and two minutes' silence.

His body will be received into St Mary's Church in High Street, Brierley Hill, where it will stay overnight. The funeral service, including full Roman Catholic mass, will start at noon on November 30.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller is also due to attend the funeral along with members of the Royal Naval Association and Dudley cadets.

Adventure play area introduces charges

HUNDREDS of families will be charged to use a council-run adventure playground in Dudley as Government funding dries up.

Council leaders said the authority could not afford to keep The Sycamore Adventure site open unless charges are introduced.

More than 400 children use the centre, on the Old Farm Park estate, every week.

The centre will be opened up to more people to generate extra income. Cabinet

member for children's services Councillor Liz Walker said other funding was also being sought to subsidise the centre and keep costs for families low.

"All children should be able to play on this wonderful equipment - but that costs money," she said.

Fair

"Like any other business would, we have had to make a financial decision.

"We will be offering it out to other schools and groups for a nominal charge to help cover the overheads."

The play equipment opened in July as part of the £2.6m PlayPathfinder project funded by the Government.

But the centre's revenue grant has been cut by 50 per cent and is expected to end altogether in March 2011.

Dudley Council spokeswoman Caroline Horst said: "We would ensure any costs which may be introduced are fair and appropriate."

She added: "It is currently not our intention to charge individual children who use the centre for the drop-in sessions."

Police appeal for clues over attack

A GROUP in a street attack on a man may have been spotted by three men beforehand, police have said.

Police have appealed for them to come forward as they may hold clues to the identity of those who kicked and punched an 18-year-old from Walsall found in an alleyway near Dudley Leisure Centre, Dock Lane, Dudley.

It happened shortly after midnight on October 26. He was today still in hospital in a stable condition.

Detective constable Mark Fletcher said before the attack officers stopped and spoke to three white men shortly after 9pm.

They believed they were about to be robbed by a group as they walked along The Inghed, near the junction with Stafford Street.

Important

"Officers who stopped these two groups believe that the three lads were possibly about to fall victim to a robbery but the intervention of police stopped the potential crime from hap-

pening. At this stage we cannot say if the group who approached them are connected with the assault, however we want the lads to come forward as their information could be hugely important as we progress the inquiry," he said.

Four teenagers aged 16 and 17 were arrested and bailed as investigations continue. Witnesses or anyone with information can call Team Nine of force CID at Harborne police station on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

£5,000 study over fume pollution on busy road

MORE than £5,000 is being spent at a pollution hotspot in Dudley borough amid fears residents' health could be at risk from fumes caused by heavy traffic.

The busy A491 in Wordsley, Stourbridge, has been identified as having a high level of pollution. An air quality monitoring station will be erected in the High Street. It will be built using a £5,054 grant from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Dudley Council wants to tackle the problem by reducing congestion and encouraging people to use more public transport.

Cameras have already been installed at the traffic lights near the Cat Inn, which send a live feed to the traffic control centre in Wolverhampton. When queues build up, the frequency and timings of the lights are changed to let more vehicles through.

But the A491, which links to the A449 to Wolverhampton, still gets clogged with traffic during rush hour and the authority wants to reduce the health risks for residents. The air monitoring equipment will measure the levels of nitrogen dioxide in the atmosphere.

Tests earlier this year showed the levels needed to be reduced by 66 per cent in Wordsley - but this is not expected to be achieved until 2016 at the earliest.

Carol Bradley, who lives in Coldstream Drive, alongside the High Street, said: "I suffer from hayfever-like symptoms all year round and I know there are a few children with asthma on this road alone."

"Whether that is caused by pollution, I don't know. There's no doubt that the road is very congested."

Digital

A Commons Environmental Audit Committee report produced earlier this year said poor air quality was contributing to conditions such as asthma, heart disease and cancer.

Wordsley is one of 15 locations in the council's Air Quality Action Plan, launched after levels of nitrogen oxide were found to be too high.

The main piece of digital equipment and a cabinet to protect the monitoring station will cost £3,665. The rest of the cost includes £950 for the concrete base and £1,100 for the electrical supply.

Bob the Builder fixing lights

CHILDREN'S TV favourite Bob the Builder is set to visit Brierley Hill to switch on the town's Christmas lights on Friday (November 26). The Dudley Council event, which runs at the Moor Shopping Centre from 4 to 6pm, is set to include free face painting, children's rides and music, dance and entertainment, Santa's grotto and real-life reindeer. Bob the Builder will make appearances at various intervals during the event and will switch on the festive lights at 6pm.

Work on route to cover up potholes

A POTHOLED Black Country road is being completely resurfaced after years of wear and tear took their toll on the carriageway.

Holloway Street and Ruiton Street, in Gornal, will be closed to traffic while as the long-awaited works is completed.

Deep potholes had formed in sections of the carriageway. The road, a main route between Lower Gornal, Upper Gornal and Sedgley, is used by hundreds of cars every week.

And the carriageway is busy at peak times with

parents collecting youngsters from nearby Roberts Primary School, in Roberts Street, and Ellowes Hall School, in Stickle Lane.

Resurfacing began last week and the scheme is expected to run until November 29 at the earliest.

The road is closed off from its junction at the Five Ways to the junction with Stickle Lane. A diversion around Roberts Street, Jews Lane, Kent Street and Hill Street is in place.

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said: "This work is part of a programme of repairing potholes."

A shell of a life for zoo arrivals



In the slow lane - zoo keeper Cerys Grove with the African spurred tortoises

SIX African spurred tortoises have moved into Dudley Zoo's tropical rainforest.

The six-year-old males, who were born at London Zoo, eat flowers, shoots and grass, and zoo staff have their pick of the grass from around the 40-acre site to supplement their diet.

Dr David Beeston, registrar and research co-ordinator at the zoo, said: "We had been looking for some larger species of tortoise for a while, and are very pleased with these six. The tortoises are an endangered species due to demand for shoes and hand-

bags made from their shells, which are sometimes painted and varnished and sold as ornaments."

African spurred tortoises originate in the deserts of Africa and are significantly larger than the Greek tortoises commonly kept as pets.

They can grow to three feet in length and live up to 100 years of age.

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Truancy mother back in court

A MOTHER failed to ensure her daughter attended school, despite repeated visits and letters from the authorities, Dudley magistrates were told.

The 30-year-old, who cannot be named, failed to take her child to a primary school in Colesey for more than 49 per cent of scheduled classes between September 2009 and February this year.

Enforcement officers from Dudley Council visited her home numerous times, leaving letters when the mother could not be contacted.

Supervision

The woman pleaded guilty to a charge of knowingly failing to cause regular attendance at school of a registered pupil and committing a further offence while on a suspended sentence at a hearing last week.

She was already serving a suspended prison sentence for failing to ensure her 11-year-old girl attended lessons between January and July last year.

Magistrate Chris Smith said he was prepared to give the woman "one last chance".

The mother was given a new 10-week jail sentence, suspended for 12 months, along with a 12-month supervision order, 100 hours unpaid work and £50 court costs.

For breaching her previous suspended sentence, the woman had her sentence extended by eight weeks and was ordered to carry out 10 hours' unpaid work.

School raid by youth, 17

A TEENAGER has admitting breaking into a Dudley school and stealing £200 worth of keys.

The 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was tracked down after he left his thumb print on a skylight at St Chad's Catholic Primary School, in Catholic Lane, Sedgley.

He pleaded guilty at Dudley Youth Court last week to trespassing and theft. He was given unconditional bail to return to court on December 7 for sentence.

His 15-year-old co-accused, who was traced after a DNA sample was taken from blood at the scene, also pleaded guilty and was given a youth referral order.

£1,500 to move lollipop lady 100yds – and back

CASH-STRAPPED Dudley Council has spent £1,500 moving a lollipop lady 100 yards up the road – only to send her back to her original position weeks later.

The sum paid for new road markings in Wordsley High Street, but they were later removed in what residents have slammed as a "waste of money".

Dudley Council had moved Angela Davies from her usual place at the junction of the A491 and Ashdown Drive.

Angered

New road markings warning motorists of crossing children were painted and a dropped kerb was installed at the new location just past the junction with Rectory Street.

But parents complained that their youngsters were then having to cross Rectory Road on their way to and from Fairhaven Primary School, so Mrs Davies was returned to her original place on the school side of the junction, and the new markings removed.

The council then spent another £1,500 painting



Lollipop lady Angela Davies at work in her current location in High Street at the Ashdown Drive junction

similar markings at the crossing near the junction with Coldstream Drive. Sally Wright, aged 54, of nearby Ashdown Drive, said: "This is ridiculous. They are supposed to be trying to save money, not waste it on messing around with crossings."

The council recently angered residents in Coldstream

Drive by refusing to cut their grass verge, to save money. "We can't get our grass cut but they waste £1,500," Mrs Wright added.

After Mrs Davies was moved in September, pupils at Fairhaven Primary were having to cross the busy Rectory Road to reach school.

Feedback

Parents were concerned for their safety and demanded a return to the old set-up, so the council decided to burn away the markings, at a cost of £370.

Catherine Jones, whose son William, aged five, is a pupil at the school, said: "It's so silly that they moved the crossing. Look at all this money that's been wasted."

The authority, which needs to save £65 million, defended the expense.

Spokeswoman Katherine Finney said: "We moved the school crossing as it was felt this would be closer to the crest of the road, and also at a point where facilities have been introduced to assist other pedestrians to cross."

"However, following feedback and concerns from parents, it was agreed that the school crossing position could be retained in its original position."

Warmer homes, but fuel bills cut

HUNDREDS of families in Dudley are set to benefit from a new £1.4 million scheme to improve their homes.

Power firm E.ON has started work on the first of 314 homes owned by Dudley Council which will receive a range of energy-saving measures such as solid wall and loft insulation, draught proofing and new boilers.

The work is being carried out in Pensnett under the government's Community Energy Saving Programme which could save each home more than £600 a year on energy costs.

Efficiency

Jon Kirby, programme manager at E.ON, said: "We're committed to getting homes energy fit and this is a great example of councils, communities and companies getting together to help people lower their bills and reduce our effect on the planet."

"We hope this is the first of a number of similar schemes we will be working on in the area."

"By tackling whole communities in such a way we can really start to make a difference and build energy efficiency into our everyday lives."

Dudley's cabinet member for housing, Councillor David Simms, said it was "excellent news for the residents of Pensnett".

Disused pub will be offices

A BOARDED-UP Halesowen pub is to become offices after standing empty for more than a year.

Dudley Council has approved plans to transform The Forge, in Dudley Road, into a base for insurance company Linaker Green.

Andy Tudor, of estate agents Flurets, said even during a good year like 2006 the pub only had net sales of £117,743.

"Allowing for the economic downturn and the decline in beer volumes, it must be extremely marginal whether this property is viable to reopen as a pub."

New hope promised for struggling town centre

PLANS for more than 65,000 sq ft of new shops have been revealed for the regeneration of Halesowen's ailing town centre.

Dudley Council bosses aim to breathe life and attract new businesses to the area, but have no cash for the scheme themselves, but has produced a blueprint for the town, including a major new store or supermarket.

Funding for the developments would have to come from businesses which choose to invest. The council hopes firms will see

an opportunity in the town, which has been hit by a number of closures in recent years.

The Halesowen Area Action Plan outlines nine areas for development. A main site is Trinity Point office block, which is three-quarters empty, and there are hopes that the owners will allow it to be re-developed.

The council report states: "This site lies directly adjacent to the existing retail core so it could be a potentially suitable location for new retail development."

"This would enable the town centre to expand and could provide a retail anchor to the northern end of High Street, promoting more footfall between the north and south of the centre and enhancing the vitality of the centre."

"However, redevelopment would also mean the loss of the existing office use at Trinity Point which provides employment."

Location

A row of empty shops opposite the block is also being flagged up as a prime location for investors.

Other potential sites are the Cornbow Hall, Link House and Pioneer House, Birmingham Street, the Andrew Road car park, Maybrook House, Fountain House, Will Thorne House and the High Street.

An Asda store was opened in the Cornbow Centre in 2008 as part of a previous £30 million regeneration scheme.

The council is encouraging residents to have their say on the blueprint.

Fiesta of dance

A COMMUNITY festival of dance featuring schools, colleges and other organisations takes place at 7pm on Sunday, December 12, featuring dance from street to salsa. Tickets are £6 on the door, £4 for concessions.

Almost ready for first switch-on



Friends' group, back, Councillor Bryan Cotterill and Brian Genner with, front, secretary Donna Evans-Hadley and committee member Dennis Rydes

FINAL preparations were under way today for Quarry Bank's first Christmas lights display tomorrow night.

The Friends of Quarry Bank group has won £6,000 of funding for the display which will be lit up at 6.15pm on Friday, November 26.

Ward councillors, residents and Stourbridge MP Margot James will be among those attending the switch-on in Park Road just off the High Street.

The display will feature large garland illuminates and rope lights mounted on to the street lamp posts.

Friends group chairman Brian Genner said everyone was looking forward to the switch on and hoped it would encourage shoppers into the area.

"There has been significant interest in the lights, particularly among shopkeepers," he said.

The Christmas lights were funded through a £5,000 grant from the Birmingham Trust, with the rest coming from the Central Dudley Area Committee.

Takeaway is given go-ahead

PLANS to turn a Colesey house into a takeaway have been given the green light by Dudley Council despite objections from neighbours.

The plans to turn the ground floor of the house in Wallbrook Street into a takeaway were resubmitted by Kalinda Sidhu after being rejected earlier due to parking concerns.

The council has decided it can go ahead provided she submits a plan to limit smells and noise.

Hotline change for locum GPs

PEOPLE in Dudley who want to access the out-of-hours doctor service will be asked to ring a new number from January in a move that will save £39,000 a year.

Anyone registered with a Dudley GP can access the out-of-hours service from 6.30pm to 8am, Monday to Friday, or any time on weekends and bank holidays.

Patients in Walsall and Wolverhampton also use the current number, 0800 145 1800, increasing the costs.

The service hotline receives around 3,000 calls for

Dudley each month. It will stay in operation until April 1, and the new phone number from January 4 has yet to be announced.

A briefing for Dudley Council's select committee on health and adult social care, stated: "Each PCT has decided to have a separate number because they have all tendered and awarded contracts to meet their individual needs."

"A shared number also presents significant additional costs because of the technicalities of accurately directing calls."

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Workers have to wait for job cull

WORKERS at Dudley Council will have to wait until after the Christmas holiday to find out if their jobs are under threat.

Unions have warned of "serious" job losses on the horizon as the Conservative-controlled borough tries to make £65 million savings over the next five years.

Cabinet member for personnel, Councillor Adrian Turner, said the authority would wait until the full details of government funding is released in December before making any decisions.

He said: "We're not going to make any decisions until then. It may be that we get more than we expect, or it may be less."

"We don't want to do something now and find out that it was the wrong thing to do."

Unison

Councillor Turner added: "When we have to make decisions, the first people to know will be the staff."

Warning letters will be sent to those whose job could be axed.

Local authority workers' representative Steve Beardmore, of Unison, said: "We know there will be serious job losses."

Sandwell Council has said that up to 700 jobs are at risk over the next few years, along with a shake-up of senior management, cutting jobs by half to save more than £1m a year.

And in Wolverhampton, the city council is offering voluntary redundancy to at least 100 people.

Mayor's £24,000 handouts

CHARITIES in Dudley have been boosted by donations from the mayor's 2009-10 year in office. Almost £24,000 was handed over to three causes by Councillor Pat Martin.

She had chosen to support Dudley Stroke Association, Dudley Mind and the Open Stage Drama Group, a charity set up for disabled children and adults who take part in the performing arts.

The groups were invited to a civic event with Councillor Martin and the current mayor, Councillor Peter Miller.



Jill and Scott Carpenter, with their son Jonathan, examine the damage to the garden swing

Family left in shock as collision car ploughs into children's swing

A CRADLEY Heath couple have spoken of their horror as they saw a car plough into their back garden, ending up where their young children had been playing just minutes earlier.

Scott and Jill Carpenter were watching television at their home in Station Road when the Ford Puma hit an Audi A3, and smashed through their garden fence and into children's play equipment. The Audi veered into a bus stop and street light.

Two of the couple's children had been playing in the garden five minutes earlier.

"We heard a bang and I looked out the front window and saw there had been an accident at the front of the house," said Mr Carpenter.

"Then I looked out the kitchen window and saw another car in our back garden. I could not believe it."

"It had stopped in precisely the place our children had been playing earlier. If the accident had been five minutes earlier, we would have lost them both."

The 43-year-old joiner added that his wife was left in a panic

by the accident at about 3.30pm on Saturday, November 13.

"Jill suffers with high blood pressure anyway and the little ones were screaming. They were really upset."

The couple have four children but it was their two youngest, Jasmine, aged five, and Jonathan, three, who had been playing on the trampoline and swing.

They had come indoors because the afternoon had started to turn chilly.

Mrs Carpenter said Jasmine has had nightmares since the crash.

Horrendous

"It was a horrendous, horrendous experience," said the 44-year-old housewife.

Two drivers, believed to be in their 20s, suffered minor cuts and bruises in the crash. West Midlands Police are investigating the accident and say it is possible that a third car was involved. Witnesses are urged to call 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555 111.

Bonfire girl, 16, swore at police

A TEENAGER had to be pinned against a police car to stop her from kicking officers during a Bonfire Night bust-up, Dudley Youth Court was told.

The 16-year-old, who cannot be named, was released on bail after admitting her role in the fracas during the bonfire and fireworks party at Halesowen Cricket Club, in Dogkenel Lane, on November 5.

She pleaded guilty to using threatening or abusive behaviour at the incident, during which police officers had to pin her against a police car to stop her from trying to kick them, the court was told.

Mistake

The girl was told that the court from Smethwick was one of a large group of 15 friends who had started to shout and swear at police officers.

A youth worker spoke in support of the girl, telling the court she had all but overcome alcohol and behavioural problems since she and her friends started seeing the youth workers eight months ago.

"I feel this was just a stupid mistake," she said.

The girl was bailed to appear at Warley Youth Court today, November 25, for sentence.

She also faced charges of breaching a 12-month referral order imposed by Birmingham Youth Court last year.

History of woods in pictures

A NEW book that showcases historical images of a Black Country beauty spot has been published.

The postcard and photograph book, *Vintage Images of Warley Woods*, Smethwick, is published by Warley Woods Community Trust. It has 84 images, including the Abbey, the fountains and bandstand and people important to the park's history and golf heritage.

Viv Cole, trust manager, said: "Our first book was well received and we think this new one will be popular too."

The book can be bought from the shop at Warley Woods for £5.99.

To find out more, call 0121 429 2440.

Kitchen refurb goes up in smoke as funding cut

VOLUNTEERS at a Wollescote community centre have been forced to scale down plans for a revamped kitchen after councillors gave them only half the grant they applied for.

Members of Halesowen Area Committee told workers at Wollescote

Community Centre they will be handed a £1,800 grant – not the £3,600 they wanted.

The decision was made at the previous committee meeting but volunteers urged chairman Councillor Bob James to reconsider.

He told them that it was standard practice for groups to be given half of their total costs, "to encourage them to match-fund".

The centre is run by Winnie and Jack Garbett, both aged 82, who spend seven days a week tidying the building and readying it for public use.

Councillor James told them: "I've been to look at the centre and I'm sure you could do the work you need, including having a new stove and cupboards, for the £1,800."

Volunteers had hoped to buy new flooring and furniture for the kitchen, but have now dropped these plans.

Councillor Richard Body, one of three trustees who help run the centre, said the decision was "a disgrace".

Later in the meeting Halesowen and Dudley Yemini Association was given £1,500 less than it had applied for to buy a minibus for elderly people with special needs.

Cenotaph graffiti girl must pay £780 fine

A SCHOOLGIRL from the Black Country was fined almost £800 for spraying obscene pink graffiti on a cenotaph. The 14-year-old girl from Dudley, whose vandalism at the Wolverhampton monument sparked outrage among war veterans, was told she must pay the £780 fine back at £5 per week for the next three years.

She was also given a nine-month referral order and told to sign a contract promising to behave. Sentencing her at Wolverhampton Youth Court last week, bench chairman Sandy Gough told her it was a "despicable" act. It cost £1,128 to remove the graffiti, the court heard.

Quango's jobs plea after axe

A QUANGO has sent a begging letter to businesses asking them to find jobs for 47 staff it is making redundant in the wake of budget cuts.

Business Link, which provides businesses with advice and support, has emailed companies in the West Midlands asking them to let it know of any job opportunities that might suit its staff when their taxpayer-funded roles are scrapped. It has often been

criticised for being overly bureaucratic.

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly criticised the organisation for showing special treatment to its staff ahead of unemployed people in the Black Country.

It is being forced to scrap 47 out of 240 posts after dramatic cuts to its budget.

The quango, based in Quinton, Birmingham, was set up to provide a range of support and assistance to smaller firms in the region.

Coroner told of last text to sister

A MARRIED bank clerk testified his sister saying "it's too late, I'm sorry" before she found him hanging at his Netherthorn home.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain ruled that father-of-three Nasir Mokhammad, aged 25, of Heath Road, had killed himself.

Museum helps to identify fossils



Examining rocks and fossils is exhibition officer Adrian Durkin

GEOLOGY experts will be on hand to identify unusual rock and fossil specimens at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery this weekend.

Visitors are invited to take their items to the museum in St James's Road on Saturday, November 27, from 11am to 1pm.

Museum exhibition officer Adrian Durkin said: "This is the chance for Dudley residents to try to confound the experts. Geologists from the museum will be available to identify unusual specimens brought in by the public."

"These days usually spark a lot of interest – last time a person brought in a whole collection from the Wren's Nest."

Places need to be pre-booked on 01384 815575.

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Red tape hampering enterprise says Tory

GOVERNMENT plans for a one-in, one-out system for any new regulations that impose costs on businesses are "not good enough", says Stourbridge MP Margot James.

The 11,000 small businesses in Dudley have welcomed the reduction of the small company rate of corporation tax to 20 per cent, the revitalised support for apprenticeships and the exemption of start-ups from national insurance on the first 10 employees, but the Government must be "more

ambitious" in its approach to deregulate, she said. It has been claimed that regulations cost UK firms £88.3 billion last year, with a third of the additional regulatory burden coming from Europe.

The Department for Business, Skills and Innovation has promised to take a more "rigorous approach" to European regulations, including en-gaging earlier in the Brussels policy-making process.

"We are competing with economies like South Korea

and China, not Italy and Greece, and we simply cannot afford the massive burden of regulation that encroaches on business every day," the Tory MP told the Commons.

"One in, one out just keeps us standing still, and that is not good enough."

Ms James said the private sector's entrepreneurialism and enterprise were being crippled by red tape.

She raised her concerns during a debate on the Coalition's policy for economic growth.

Variety can add spice to evening at civic hall

A NIGHT of song, dance and comedy is being held at Brierley Hill Civic Hall early in the new year.

Proceeds from the variety show on Thursday, January 27, will go to the Geoff Hill Charitable Trust, which helps groups and charities.

Comedian Lee Wilson, singer Maggie O'Hara and magician John Miller are among those taking part. Tickets are available from dudley.gov.uk or 01384 812812.

Insolvency figures up five-fold this century

THE number of people registering as insolvent in the Black Country has rocketed from 471 a year to almost 3,000 since 2000.

Last year, 2,960 people registered with the Insolvency Service in Dudley, Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, and Walsall.

The figure was more than double the number in 2005 before the recession hit, and six times the number in 2000.

In Birmingham, the numbers jumped from 369 in 2000 to 2,003 last year, while in Staffordshire the figures climbed from 383 to 2,314. In Wyre Forest, 346 people registered as insolvent last year compared to 55 in 2000.

Rock club JB's, in Castle Hill, Dudley, was registered with the Insolvency Service last

month with debts of £450,000 and is currently under offer.

Earlier this year, iconic Black Country pub chain Mad O'Rourke's Ltd went into receivership, resulting in the closure of the branch in Camp Hill, Wordsley. An O'Rourke's pub in Himley Road, Lower Gornal, was taken over by former staff.

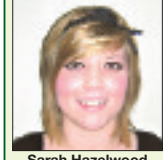
Just weeks later, the original Mad O'Rourke's Pie Factory, in Hurst Lane, Tipton, went into administration, and administrators PKF are looking to sell the pub as a going concern.

Across the UK, nearly 34,000 people were declared insolvent in the last three months, 3.7 per cent fewer than during the same period in 2009. The figures have been obtained from The Insolvency Service.

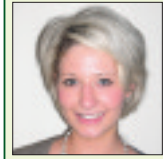
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Sleigh is ready for 2010 tour

SANTA'S sleigh will take to the streets of Kingswinford and Stourbridge from this Friday, November 26, through to December 19.

Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions Club organises the Christmas sleigh run to raise money for charity and hand out sweets to children.

Spokesman Arthur Peakman said: "We always receive a warm welcome and the event provides us with much needed funding."

See www.kandslions.org.uk for details of Santa's itinerary.

Concern at cut in student support

MORE than 10,000 of the poorest students in the Black Country will lose out on millions of pounds in grants as a result of Government cuts, council bosses have warned.

In Sandwell, 6,010 young people aged 16 to 18 will lose out on payments that could total more than £6 million a year.

And in Dudley 4,277 students will lose out on £4 million.

Young people whose families earn less than £21,000 a year have been eligible for grants of £30 a week under a scheme in place since 2004 to help them stay on at school.

Impact

The "earn as you learn" plan was introduced by former Labour education secretary Charles Clarke to tackle the UK's high post-16 drop out rate.

A full-time student, studying 36 weeks a year, could net £1,080 a year in Educational Maintenance Allowance.

However, as a result of the Coalition cuts the scheme will now be scrapped.

Current claimants will be able to pick up cash until the end of the financial year but no new students will be accepted.

Councillor Bob Badham, Sandwell's education boss said he was "immensely sad and disgusted" that the allowance is to be discontinued.

He added: "This will have a big impact."

Flies and mould ruined honeymoon say couple

BLOOD-STAINED walls, flies in food and a mould-covered bathroom made a Dudley couple's honeymoon hotel a house of horrors.

Stacy and Steve Parkes say the £3,000, two-week trip to Turkey was a disaster and are threatening to sue holiday firm Thomson.

As well as the filthy conditions, stray cats would climb over the food service area during meal times, they say.

The couple have been told by Thomson that they have no grounds for a claim. But

Mrs Parkes is refusing to accept this and is taking advice from a lawyer on what to do next. The pair had to wait four days into their trip before they were given a different room.

They had booked the stay at the four-star Hotel Marti, in Icmeler, hoping it would be the holiday of their dreams.

Reception

But when they arrived they became concerned about the level of hygiene at the resort.

Mrs Parkes, a claims negotiator for an insurance company, said: "I spent the first few days in tears, I was just distraught."

"I was standing in reception crying, I just didn't know where to turn."

"Even though it was our honeymoon, if somebody had offered me the chance there and then to go home, I would have taken it."

Mrs Parkes added: "It's not really about the money. I don't feel we have been treated well."

Thomson spokeswoman Anne-Marie Buckley said: "The Hotel Marti, in Icmeler, where Mr and Mrs Parkes stayed, continues to be a popular choice with our customers."

Diabetes aid for south Asians

A FREE course offering advice for Dudley people with diabetes is now being run in Punjabi and Urdu.

Organisers say people from south Asian communities are six times more likely to develop diabetes.

If the condition is not managed correctly, it can lead to complications such as kidney failure, blindness and heart disease. Courses run on Tuesdays at 10.30am at King's House, King Street, Dudley.

Sell off surplus, council is urged

PROFITS from the sale of surplus land and buildings near a new road tunnel in Tipton are set to be spent plugging a £78,000 deficit.

The Owen Street underpass was completed in January to improve traffic flow through the town centre.

Road traffic is now able to travel under the West Coast Main Line between Wolverhampton and Birmingham New Street. Before, drivers had to queue at the level crossing in Owen Street, next to Tipton station, for up to 40 minutes of every

hour as trains passed through.

A report to Sandwell Council says there is a £78,000 funding deficit for the scheme and it is planned to sell off surplus land which was not incorporated into the project. It includes 77 Alexandra Road, a three bedroom house, and the former Dolmac premises in Alexandra Road.

The report to Councillor Derek Rowley and Councillor Ian Jones says the aim is to dispose of the freehold interest in land and premises the council acquired.

Zoo welcomes two rare birds

A RARE breed of pheasant is being helped by keepers at Dudley Zoo as part of an international conservation programme.

Vietnamese pheasants face extinction in their native country due to the destruction of their forest habitat. Now two of the birds, descendants of a conservation project founded in Hanoi Zoo, Vietnam, in 1990, have been transferred to Dudley.

Mayor is forum's surprise guest



The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Mille, and Mayoress Hillary Miller, help Janet Down (left) and Jane Grainger prepare for the Carers Forum festive activities

VOLUNTEERS in Dudley have received a surprise and welcome visit from the borough's first citizen.

Janet Down and Jane Grainger, chair and vice-chair of Dudley Carers Forum, were delighted when the Mayor, Councillor Peter Mille, called in to find out about the group's forthcoming Christmas plans.

Primarily, Dudley Carers Forum supports unpaid carers of relatives or friends who are old, frail, or who are suffering from long term illness.

Monthly meetings give carers the chance to enjoy a chat and a listening ear, as well as presenting information about benefits or access to local services.

The estimated 18,000 hours of respite resulting from social gatherings contributed to Janet, Jane and Wendy Hale

scoping a coveted Dudley Volunteer Award last month.

Janet said: "It is fantastic that the mayor wanted to find out more about our forum as we provide a lifeline for so many local carers and people who they support."

"We want to throw our doors open to even more local carers by welcoming them along to enjoy our seasonal celebrations."

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 11am-2pm at Bank Street Methodist Church in Brierley Hill and their next meeting on December 1 includes a Christmas buffet.

The Christmas party is at Ambleside Royal British Legion on December 10 at 7pm, with entertainment from live band Rainbow Road. Call Jane Grainger on 01384 340269 for ticket information.

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Booze ban costs to reach £5,000

Helen's stylish success



Hairdresser Helen Tether with her award

HALESOWEN hairdresser Helen Tether has headed off opposition from across the world to win an international styling competition.

Helen, who has run the Sensu salon, in Queensway, for only four weeks, became International Stylist of the Year 2010 in the contest, organised by hair product company La Biosthetique in Paris.

She was up against stylists from France, Italy, Germany, Canada, Australia, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia and Poland after earlier beating 77 other entries in the UK.

"This means big-time international recognition, which is amazing and all I ever wanted to

achieve," said Helen, aged 28, who lives in George Road, Halesowen.

She originally submitted a photograph of her model, Natalie Bell, a client at her salon, for the competition. Then, in August, she was invited to Berlin for a photo shoot with a professional model.

Make-up

The photo was judged to have the best overall style, including the hair and make-up, at the final in Paris.

As Helen's success grew she decided she needed larger premises and moved to her present premises last month. "Funnily enough, this is the salon I trained at 12 years ago," she said.

ASSEMBLY to make streets in Stourbridge alcohol-free zones will cost thousands of pounds to prepare.

Plans for the booze ban follow police concern over drink-fuelled youths who are causing a nuisance and damaging vehicles in the town.

Councillors on Stourbridge area committee voted unanimously to support the proposal.

Dudley Council officer Richard Clark, from the directorate of law and property, revealed that it would cost £5,000 to create signs and information needed to enforce the ban. Councillor Ian Kettle, chairman of the committee, said that clarification on how the scheme would be funded was still needed.

Zone

Stourbridge area committee could be asked by the police to contribute some of the cash towards set-up costs.

Police officers will attend the next Stourbridge area committee meeting, which will be held in January, to discuss the plan further.

Streets and public areas around Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge ring road and Hagley Road to Oldswinford Cross are already subject to the council's alcohol-free zone.

The proposed extension would include parts of Wollaston, as well as the South Road playing fields, and the Old Quarter including Greenfields Park.

Hope Trust donations

RESIDENTS in Dudley are being urged to dig deep this Christmas to help boost the Hope Trust's Operation Santa Toy Appeal. People are being asked to send cash donations to Operation Santa, Dudley Volunteer Centre, 7 Albion Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 3EE, payable to Operation Santa.

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Travelodge construction start date due before Christmas



A computer-generated image of the proposed Halesowen Travelodge

BUILDING work is set to start on a controversial hotel and fast food restaurant in the Black Country before Christmas.

The five-storey Travelodge and adjoining KFC – which will create 66 jobs – will be built between the busy A458 in Halesowen.

Work is expected to go on for six months and residents fear it will cause "chaos". People living near the site, on land between Whitehall Road and Earls Way, are worried

that work will be noisy and cause congestion.

Travelodge spokesman Nick Dines said the firm was finalising details of the work schedule and expected to start in the coming weeks but he declined to give details of the cost.

A 93-name petition was drawn up and 21 people wrote to Dudley Council objecting to the development.

But planning permission was still given at a meeting in August. Residents claim the building will be too high and would

overshadow homes in a nearby cul-de-sac.

There will be 66 parking spaces for visitors to the site, which is not enough, according to campaigners.

They also fear restaurant customers and people staying at the hotel will make noise late at night.

A statement by Travelodge said: "The proposal would benefit the town centre's vitality and viability, resulting in an increase in the number of visitors to the town and a subsequent increase in spending."

Leisure centre to get new gym gear

FITNESS fans will benefit from £100,000 of new equipment at a Stourbridge leisure centre after membership rocketed from 350 to 1,300 in just two years.

Leader of Dudley Council, Councillor Anne Millward, approved the spend at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre this week and said the scheme would be paid for by an expected £60,000-a-year increase

income. While they say the surge in membership is positive, council officers have admitted the centre needs to be better equipped.

A report to the council states: "Existing customers are cancelling their membership agreements, citing as the reason problems of accessing the equipment due to the gym operating at maximum occupancy levels, particularly at peak periods."

"The cost of the additional

two years by income generated from increased membership numbers and reduced cancellation levels." The new equipment for the centre in Bell Street includes treadmills, exercise bikes and cross-trainers.

The authority will also spend £10,000 on electrical works as part of the installation of the new items.

This will be funded through the existing repairs and maintenance

Concert to boost fund for hospice

MUSIC groups from Worcestershire are teaming up to raise money for Stourbridge-based Mary Stevens Hospice.

The Kidderminster Male Voice Choir and barbershop quartet Quattro Gento perform at St James's Church in Belfry Drive, Wollaston, tomorrow (Friday). Tickets at £9 are available at hospice shops in Kinver and Wollaston or

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Brakes on yellow peril bid close to stations

PLANS for extended double yellow lines in Parkfield Road, Stourbridge, near the bus and town train stations, have been scrapped under a review of parking proposals following a flood of complaints.

More than 100 residents had either signed a petition or sent letters objecting to the plan. Lines would have been painted along stretches of the road after councillors claimed residents wanted action to stop commuters using the street to avoid fees at official car parks. Dudley group chief engineer for transport, Peter Van Geersdaele, said however there was an "overwhelming majority" of residents now against the introduction of the order.

Plans to ban parking in Spring Street, Lye,

have also been abandoned after four individual objections and a 16-strong protest petition.

And plans for Brook Road, Oldswinford, will be looked at again after residents raised concerns that any alterations to the existing parking rules would be detrimental.

Parking along a stretch of the main A458 Birmingham Street will be banned after councillors decided to follow officers' recommendations. New disabled parking spaces will be created at the top of High Street despite fears that trade will be down as a result.

The moves were among revised proposals agreed by Dudley council's Stourbridge area committee following consultation with residents earlier this year.

Big rethink over town parking restrictions

MORE than 30 residents attended a public meeting to hear councillors scale down planned widespread parking restrictions in Stourbridge.

The scheme to introduce no-parking zones in 68 roads was revised after protests from traders and residents. Petitions signed by 180 people opposed parking bans in parts of Parkfield Road, Walthamstow Court and Monkswell Close.

More than 200 people also wrote to the authority with objections about measures proposed for other streets under the £12,000 schemes.

A public consultation was held earlier this year into the plans to ease congestion and stop commuters and shoppers clogging residential streets.

But some people protested that the new rules would stop them parking outside their own homes or deter customers from businesses.

Badge

Nurse Fran Sedgley, aged 52, of Parkfield Road, attended last week's meeting after raising a petition against the double yellow line proposal in her street.

"We are pleased by the fact that they are not going to be introduced because this

could have meant us being unable to park outside our own homes," she said afterwards. "But it still does not resolve the problem of people leaving their cars on our street when they go to work, so we'll just have to see how things work out when the bus station is completed."

Many of the new plans were ratified on the night by councillors before the cabinet member for transport, Councillor Angus Adams, makes the final decision.

Some of the changes now being put forward include scrapping proposals to extend double yellow lines in Parkfield Road and shortening the proposed bay for vehicles displaying a blue badge in High Street.

Stourbridge Township Council had long campaigned for more blue badge parking bays at the top of High Street.

Parking bans will be introduced in Birmingham Street where temporary bus stops have been placed during the £7 million redevelopment of Stourbridge Bus Station. Lye and Wollscote Councillor Adrian Turner said drivers were being forced across centre lines in the road because of parking along the busy stretch.

Bond added: "To our knowledge nothing had ever gone wrong there but they brought in all of this health and safety stuff and it had to stop."

The festival included attractions such as steam engines, vintage cars, lorries motorcycles and a fun fair.

Money raised was used to pay for maintaining the listed pumping machine.

Appeal on pump station festival

A TRADITIONAL summer festival in South Staffordshire axed due to health and safety "madness" should be revived, campaigners say.

More than 2,000 people traditionally attended the annual summer steam festival, which was held at the Bratch Pumping Station site in Wombourne for a decade. It

was scrapped earlier this year because organisers in the Friends of Bratch group could not meet the demands from owner Severn Trent Water for extensive new safety documents.

Organisers said the firm told them so many visitors descending on the working water plant could lead to contamination, as well as put

people at risk. South Staffordshire Conservative MP Gavin Williamson is now writing to the water firm calling for "common sense to prevail."

"The pumping station is an amazing place and it doesn't seem right that people can't see more of it," he said.

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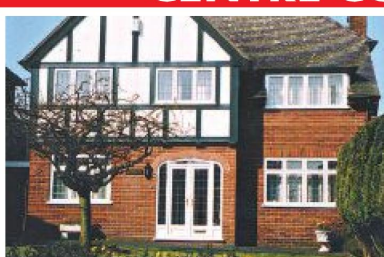
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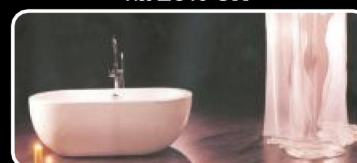
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Jobless figures following UK trend

JOBLESS numbers are down in Dudley and Kidderminster following a national trend.

Across the country unemployment fell by 9,000 in the three months to September, giving a national unemployment figure of 2.45 million.

However, the number of people working part-time, because they can't find a full-time job, has reached a record high of 1.15 million.

The West Midlands continued to suffer with a 13,000 rise in unemployment to 233,000. Nationally, this was outweighed by falling jobless numbers in London and the South East.

Allowance

But the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance across the region fell, mirroring figures from the Office of National Statistics that showed a 3,700 fall in the claimant count to 1.47 million. Not everyone classed as unemployed is eligible for the allowance.

In Dudley the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance fell by 222 to 9,223, or 4.8 per cent of the borough's working population.

In Kidderminster and Wyre Forest the claimant count was down by just two, to 2,187 or 3.6 per cent.

In Sandwell the figure fell by 191 to 12,079, or 6.6 per cent and in Birmingham it was down 815 to 45,797, or 6.9 per cent.

Hopes rise old church could get new lifeline

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CAMPAIGNERS have launched a new bid to reopen a Dudley church on a part-time basis, eight years after it was shut due to safety fears.

They hope to open St John's Church in Kates Hill for a few hours each week, giving visitors the chance to look around the listed building, to help with fundraising.

It follows a previous attempt that was blocked by the church's insurance company last October after it ruled repair work would be needed. But a recent survey revealed both the church nave and chancel were structurally sound.

Members of the St John's Church Preservation Group are now confident the Archdeacon of Dudley will approve their plans.

Earthquake

The church has raised £16,000 for essential waterproofing works, £15,000 for the feasibility study to investigate possible future uses for the building, and £5,000 to replace the lightning conductor.

Group chairman Deb Brownlee said some work may still be needed before visitors could be allowed into the church but they were hopeful of getting the go-ahead.

The surveys carried out on the church building showed that the building was mainly safe, no structural problems and the roof only needs replacing at the end of its natural life, which with routine maintenance is many years away," said Mrs Brownlee.

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Chance to chat to officers

RESIDENTS in Wordsley can air their views at a public meeting on November 29. Officers from Kingswinford police station are holding a Police and Communities Together meeting at High Acres Public House in Madeley Road. Anyone who is unable to attend but would like to speak to an officer, can call 0345 113 5000 ext: 7906 6229 or visit www.west-midlands.police.uk/dudley

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This is unacceptable when hard working individuals and families in Dudley are struggling either to find affordable private rents or pay their mortgages.

If we are prepared to pay, as we are, £20,000 in housing benefit, there is no reason why anyone in Dudley should be left without a home.

We are happy to have constructive and honest dialogue with colleagues from all parties; it is right and fair that they air their concerns and that we are always listening.

But with a massive deficit, tough choices have to be made. The reason we need to push ahead with these changes to housing benefit plans from April 2011 onwards is to ensure that hard working individuals and families will no longer have to subsidise people living in properties in the Black Country and elsewhere that they themselves could not afford.

This issue shows just how out of touch Ed Miliband is because he thinks the taxes of hard working people should go to pay over £20,000 a year (equivalent to the income tax bill of six workers on average wages in Dudley) in housing benefit for just one house.

Labour need to explain why they support a Housing Benefit system that means that hard working individuals and families pay taxes to subsidise people living in properties they themselves could not afford.

Under Labour's system the maximum Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate is

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£104,000 a year. These sums are completely unsustainable and deeply unfair.

Our package of reforms to housing benefit will include changing way LHA rates are calculated, uprating these rates by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation measure plus capping, in absolute terms, the maximum LHA payable to: £250 per week for a one bedroom property; £290 per week for a two bedroom property; £340 per week for a three bedroom property; £400 per week for a four bedroom property.

Important

From October 2011 in any given area 30 per cent of rented properties will be affordable to housing benefit recipients. This will mean much lower caps in housing benefit than those above in less expensive places to live, particularly outside of the south east in places such as the Black Country.

These are difficult changes, but they are right. Everyone on Jobseeker's Allowance is expected to work, and everyone knows that there is a problem when people claim Jobseeker's Allowance and maximum

housing benefit for long periods of time, which creates a serious disincentive to work. This measure will not apply to those who need to claim support in the short term, but only if they remain on Jobseeker's Allowance for over a year. It is also important to note that these changes to the LHA concern only the private rented sector. Social housing will not be affected.

The savings will be enormous – £1.8 billion a year in 2014-15 according to the latest budget red book.

Did you know that we currently pay more in Housing Benefit per year than we spend on the army and navy combined, and more than we spend on the police?

In real terms, costs have ballooned from £10.7 billion in 2005/06 to £15.7 billion in 2010/11. If left unreformed, the housing benefit budget is projected to reach £20 billion in 2014/15 costing each working household £1,515 by 2015, according to official figures.

To protect the most vulnerable we are also increasing discretionary housing payments. We have a duty of care to provide housing for those who cannot house themselves.

A safety net will not just remain, but will be improved for the most vulnerable – the Government has announced an additional £10 million in 2011/12 and an additional £40 million each year from 2012-15 in discretionary housing payment, to allow local authorities like Dudley MBC to provide additional support where it is most needed.

Labour's references in recent weeks to "cleansing" are deeply offensive and are unnecessarily spreading fear amongst the public.

We are simply suggesting people who receive benefits should have the same choices regarding the sort of housing they can have as people who do not get benefits.

Labour say they support Housing Benefit reform in principle – but only if it doesn't happen any time soon and only if it doesn't mean anyone losing out.

That is no reform at all. Labour need to explain why they support a Housing Benefit system that means that hard working individuals and families in Dudley pay taxes to subsidise people living in properties they themselves could not afford. With a massive deficit, tough choices have to be made. We are making them.

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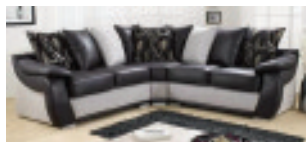
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The curious incident of a dramatic fall from bridge

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Workers for Warner Brothers, who have set up camp at the Arley and Bewdley stations of the Severn Valley Railway, could be seen with sound and lighting equipment on the historic Victoria Bridge, between Bewdley and Arley.

Rumours

A vintage train mocked up to look like it was in London with a Paddington sign across the front was on the top of the bridge.

It is reported that one of the scenes being filmed last week involved a woman falling from the bridge into the River Severn.

The sequel to the hit Guy Ritchie interpretation released last year will see Downey Jnr return as the erratic Holmes, with Jude Law back in the hotseat as Dr Watson.

Rumours have even been spread that Brad Pitt might play the role of the as-yet-unseen villain, Moriarty.



The Sherlock Holmes sequel, being filmed near Arley train station last week



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Distress over chicken theft

A DUDLEY grandmother was left distraught by the theft of her beloved chickens, along with their hen house.

Pensioner Jenny Payne, of Kingswinford, had been keeping the birds in stables for her four-year-old granddaughter, Charlotte, to feed and look after when she visited.

"I had protected the chickens from foxes, badgers and other animals, but I did not think to protect them from human predators. It was a huge shock," she said.

The chickens were stolen from stables off Church Road, Swindon, where they had been kept for nine months having been raised from chicks.

Raiders took the coop containing the four Warren hens, called

Henrietta, Beth, Chilly and Queeny, as well as their run last Tuesday.

Mrs Payne, aged 60, said: "It is very upsetting for me, but it is a lot worse for my granddaughter."

"I don't understand why anyone would stoop so low as to steal chickens. It is very cruel. They were family pets."

Information

"The chickens couldn't be seen from the road so someone must have known they were here. I want to warn other people in the area who may have chickens that there are thieves about."

She is offering a reward to anyone with information which leads to the safe return of the chickens.

Staffordshire Police urged anyone with information to call officers at Wombourne on 0300 123 4455.



Jenny Payne, of Kingswinford, who had chickens she kept as pets stolen

Decision soon on site of old primary school

THE future of a 100-year-old former Halesowen school, which closed four years ago, is finally set to be resolved.

Holt Farm Primary School shut in summer 2006, and Dudley education bosses blamed falling numbers.

The building was used by Olive Hill Primary in the 2006-07 educational year during construction work on its own site, but is now surplus to requirements.

Before making a final decision over what to do with the land, council chiefs say they

have had to resolve a number of legal issues. A consultation on the land finished earlier this year and bosses are now considering what to do with the fields, school and playground.

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said: "Disposing of school playing fields is a legal process which can take considerable time and any proposals must go to the Secretary of State."

"After a school is closed following consultation, the council first needs to establish if the land is surplus to requirements. This

involves consulting internally across the council directorates. The land at Holt Farm has been declared surplus to requirements and earlier this year and a public consultation was run over the summer."

Mr Parker added: "Now this has concluded we will consider all feedback and make a decision on the most appropriate way forward."

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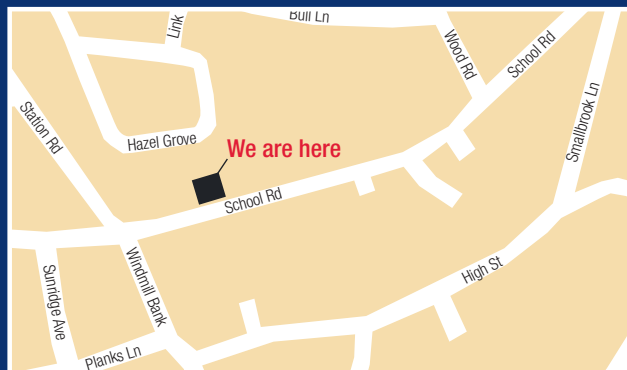


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Mike Leedham the Scout Group leader

PAST and present members of a Black Country Scout group took a trip down memory lane to celebrate its centenary. Friends from the 1st Netherton Scout Group shared memories at Cradley Heath Liberal Club, Upper High Street, Cradley Heath.

Hundreds of pictures in albums around the function room showed the changing face of the group during its 100-year history.

Outdoor adventures including days spent by the river and cooking under the stars were remembered at the event.

Group leader and former teacher Mike Leedham, aged 64, of Cookley, has been part of the group for more than four decades.

"All we have ever wanted to do is have a little influence on the lives of young people," he said. "It is great to see them get older and become valued members of society."

"I personally get the same enjoyment out of Scouting now as when I first started."

The group formed on St George's Day 1910 as first leader, Harry Newbury, led a trip to Rowley Hills.

The group had a strong association with Netherton chainmaking firm Noah Hingley & Sons, which made the Titanic anchor.

They were known as Hingley's Own and camped between the wars at the Hingley's mansion at Broadway, Worcestershire.

Achievement

Researching the anniversary, Mr Leedham sourced a picture at Patshull Scout campsite in 1912.

The group's HQ since 1966 has been in Birch Terrace, Netherton. It was originally shared with the Young Men's Bible Institute until the Scouts took it over in 1970.

Happy times were spent at an isolated cottage called Cwrtin, near Trawsfynydd, North Wales, where they took many trips. Group members decided to buy an old

Austin van for £30 in 1970 which they used to ferry children around to camps and venues all over the country.

"The health and safety would have a field day with that one as we just put some seats in the back of it and off we went," Mr Leedham said. "It served us for 10 years and when we came to sell it we got £30 back so we'd actually broke even."

"There have been some great laughs over the years but I couldn't have done it without the leadership team here with me."

Changes to the group include introduction of Beaver Colony and allowing girls to join. They also acquired the lease of Burwarton Cottage on Brown Cle, near Bridgnorth, for weekends away for trips out.

Assistant Scout leader Ellis McLauchlan, aged 50, said: "The best thing about scouting is having the chance to try anything once."

"You can't beat the sense of achievement to feel when you have completed a tough task. It's been a great group to be part of for all these years."



The changing face of the Scout group – the 1st Netherton Troop at the Patshull Camp in 1921. It is one of many photos which were displayed at the celebration

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By 1937 the Scout group had been continuing to operate for a couple of decades. Inset: In the early years when the Netherton Troop first formed around 1910-11

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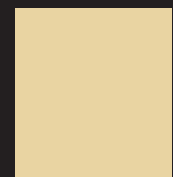
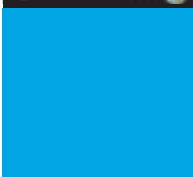
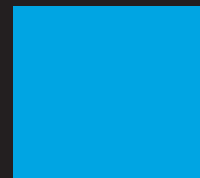
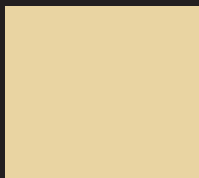
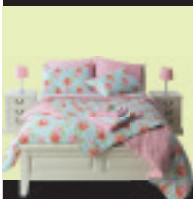
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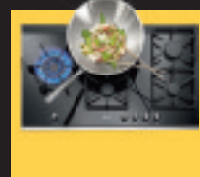
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£174,950**SEDGLEY****DINGLE VIEW**

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£164,950**GORNAL WOOD****EAST STREET**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises: Reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, utility room, downstairs w/c, master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden with distant views.

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£134,950**SEDGLEY****TIPTON STREET**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge with a feature fireplace, a superb dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a garage that is situated at the rear of the property.

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A three bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge with a feature fireplace, a superb dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, car parking for two cars at the side of the property and a pleasant rear garden.

£124,950**LOWER GORNAL****WINSCAR CROFT**

A two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, lounge, a magnificent fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a reappointed bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, driveway and a pleasant rear garden that backs on to woodland.

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£111,950**WOODSETTON****PERKINS CLOSE**

A three bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, spacious lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, storage area, three bedrooms, bathroom, Upvc double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating and a rear garden.

£109,950**TO LET****GORNAL WOOD**

This lovely four bedroomed detached residence is available to rent and we highly recommended viewing. The property benefits from being positioned very near to the Lower Gornal village and enjoys an enviable corner position with a secluded rear garden. Internally the property briefly incorporates a lovely sunny lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs wc and entrance to the garage. Upstairs there are four bedrooms, the main with newly fitted en-suite and a modern family bathroom.

£650 pcm**TO LET****COSELEY**

This uniquely situated property is available to let and benefits from offering three bedrooms and a family bathroom. On the ground floor is a lovely lounge leading to a substantial dining area and a fitted kitchen. The property has a lovely mature rear garden, off road parking for two cars and a garage. This lovely property benefits from very close amenities, good schools and an efficient bus route. We recommend viewing to appreciate its high presentation.

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£525 pcm**TO LET****COSELEY**

A modern end terraced home, situated in a quiet residential area close to local schools and amenities. The property comprises of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a family bathroom.

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Mixing the old with young to make music

VOCAL group Mediaeval Baebes will be performing a series of concert in theatres and cathedrals during the festive period - including their regular December date at Birmingham Cathedral.

The performance at Colmore Row on Saturday, December 18, has special significance for two of the Baebes, Esther Dee and Sarah Kayte Foster, as they are both from the city.

The Baebes, pictures right, will also be performing in Shropshire at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on December 19 and in Staffordshire at Lichfield Garrick Theatre on December 20.

Formed in 1996, The Mediaeval Baebes are a unique group of songwriters, multi-instrumentalists and vocalists. The group creates their inimitable sound by setting Mediaeval texts to original scores with the use of both classical and mediaeval musical instruments, while singing in an array of languages.

Katharine Blake, Emily Ovenden, Esther Dee, Bev Lee Harling, Melpomeni and Sarah Kayte Foster are accompanied live by four musicians. In their 12-year

career, The Mediaeval Baebes have performed all over the world and have sold almost half a million records.

Their albums have consistently reached the top of the UK classical music charts whilst their haunting music has captured the imagination of music lovers.

The Baebes' contribution to the BBC production of The Virgin Queen in 2007 resulted in an Ivor Novello award for best television soundtrack.

Their latest album Illumination crosses genres from contemporary to mediaeval inspired compositions.

The band are currently working with renowned creative director Micha Bergese, who worked on the Millennium show at The Dome, on creating a new theatrical spectacular for 2011.

For more information on The Mediaeval Baebes see www.mediaevalbaebes.com



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Back on tour with a statement of belief



The Human League back touring

THREE years since their last UK tour, The Human League are back and visiting Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Saturday, December 4, as part of their 15-date Night People tour.

With their first studio album since 2001's Secrets, the band, featuring Phil Oakey, Susan Ann Sulley and Joanne Catherall, have signed to cutting-edge record label Wall Of Sound, and, sticking to their roots, they opted for their 10th album to be produced by fellow Sheffield residents, production duo i-Monster.

The album is named Credo after the Latin word meaning statement of belief and is due for release in

2011. The tour is named after their first single from this album, Night People, which is set for release this month and marks the beginning of a new era for the Human League.

Beginning as new wave electronic pioneers, their four-decade career began in 1977. They had massive hits in the 1980s including Don't You Want Me, Mirror Man, Fascination, Love Action and Human. They have gained the reputation as one of pop's most influential bands, admired by a new generation including La Roux and Little Boots.

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WATCHERS of the heavens will – clouds and fog permitting – be treated to some exceptional sights in the night sky this winter, especially the early risers.

There is a total lunar eclipse around dawn on December 21 and just before dawn on January 4 the Quadrantids meteor shower will be at its peak, and in a rare two-for-the-price-of-one deal from nature, there will be a partial eclipse of the rising sun that morning.

Then on the night of January 4 telescopes and binoculars will be aimed towards Jupiter, which will be very close to the planet Uranus, positioned just to the north of it.

Any youngster or a beginner of any age who wishes to learn more about astronomy should check out the Haynes Astronomy Manual, A Practical Guide To The Night Sky (hardback, £19.99) by Jane A. Green, an outstanding amateur astronomer who used to be an officer on cruise ships.

Her book features a foreword by astronomer and star rock guitarist Dr Brian May and an introduction by Sir Patrick Moore, presenter of BBC's long-running The Sky At Night.

It is a richly illustrated book that will ease the beginner into the wonders of the cosmos and how to observe and picture them, without ever being patronising.

The stats are mind-blowing and perhaps best summed up by Green when she says there are more stars 'out there' than all the grains of sands on all the beaches on this planet.

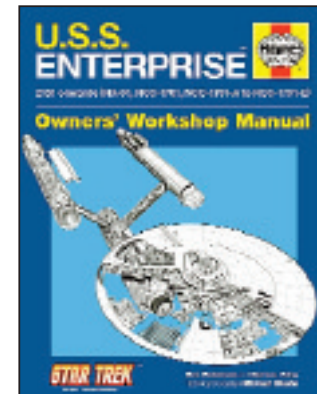
Enterprise

For those who like to spice up their science fact with a lot of exciting science fiction, Haynes have also brought their meticulous style to the Star Trek Universe with the publication of The USS Enterprise Owner's Workshop Manual (hardback, £19.99).

Those familiar with Haynes' auto manuals will know what to expect, except that here is something with a bit more poke than a Ford Capri or even a Jaguar XJS (both manuals are available), a warp-speed intergalactic starship, covering seven incarnations of the iconic craft from 2151 onwards.

The manual features more than 80 new cutaway views of the starship plus lots of diagrams and details on the key technologies involved. Wonderfully detailed and absorbing escapism fun for all Trekkies.

Leon Burakowski



Finally, War of Worlds has wow factor . . .



The Martians have landed . . . Modern technology has caught up with Jeff Wayne's stage concept of HG Wells' War of the Worlds

THE CREATOR of the War of the Worlds album, Jeff Wayne, is delighted that modern technology is allowing him to finally do justice to the show he first envisaged more than 30 years ago.

Based on the classic HG Wells novel about invaders from Mars, American songwriter Wayne's hit concept album from 1978, which featured the timeless hit Forever Autumn by former Moody Blues singer Justin Hayward, is touring the world and comes to Birmingham NIA next month.

The spectacular production on December 9 will feature a three tonne 35ft tall Martian Fighting Machine, CGI animation from the

proposed movie version of the musical, plus Wayne himself conducting the 10-piece Black Smoke Band and 36-piece Ulladubulla Strings.

The star-studded cast will include Jason Donovan as the Artilleryman, The X-Factor's Rhydian as Pastor Nathaniel, the clergyman driven crazy by the alien invasion, and Atomic Kitten's Liz McClarnon as his wife. Justin Hayward will sing his evergreen hit and a holographic Richard Burton returns as the journalist narrator.

Wayne and his father originally hoped to bring the musical to the stage though Wayne always nursed an ambition to turn it into an ani-

mated movie, a project which is still ongoing 30 years later.

"The technology did not exist to create the spectacular show we envisaged until the 21st Century and even in the five years since our first arenas tour in 2005 it has grown to more than the first three tours combined," he told The Chronicle.

"We are now up to nine large trucks and War of the Worlds is a 24 hour enterprise during a tour. "We have an amazing crew. If people look over their shoulder as they leave the arena they will see the crew starting to take the set down ready for the next show . . . some of them even grab some sleep in hammocks under the stage during the

two-and-a-quarter hour performance."

"This time we have new CGI animation on the 100ft wide, 25ft high screen, and the effects certainly have a wow factor. A Martian fighting machine lands on stage, it's 35ft tall and weighs three tonnes."

"It scans the audience and audience members will see themselves from the Martians' perspective and it fires a heat ray but we promise not to incinerate the first three rows."

He thinks that it is important to keep the novel's original 1890s setting. "The movie versions have interpreted the story by bringing it up to date but I think the Victorian setting is an important element, in

that mankind with just rifles and cannon has no chance to defend itself against a superior alien force."

"Wells was a young author when he wrote the story and it was an episodic adventure for a magazine. "But with its reference to tentacles and invasion it was also Wells taking a pop at the expanding British empire and in bringing up such subjects as the effects on faith, it has a message that still resonates in the real world."

Tickets are priced at £60 and £42.50, subject to booking fee. Book by calling The Ticket Factory on 0844 338 8000 or online at theticketfactory.com.

REVIEWS

monising on songs such as This Boy but if he sang the lead, his voice was not strong enough to hold the notes. His guitar playing went some way to make up. "Paul" was a great soundalike for McCartney and "Ringo" was excellent, laying down a solid backbeat on the drums. Unfortunately, when he sang Yellow Submarine and With A Little Help From My Friends, he sounded a bit too much like Ringo! "George" performed well vocally and on lead guitar. Here Comes The Sun left a nice, warm feeling.

SUE ATTWATER

Don't Stop Believin', Grand Wolverhampton

An explosion of energy on stage, this is both a tribute to hit American TV show Glee and a joyous celebration of good pop music.

The singers and dancers each have a look easy to associate with characters in the musical series about a high school's competitive singing club but they don't pretend to be those characters and keep

their regional British accents rather than faking an American drawl. In fact, Don't Stop Believin' dispenses with plot altogether, being instead an all-singing all-dancing concert of songs featured in Glee and a few classic numbers that should be.

Backed by a live five-piece band, the tireless team of 12 performers are well over high school age and have voices of variable standards but they

give 100 per cent. Their boundless energy and enthusiasm more than makes up for a few clichés and clunky gear changes. Highlights include Naomi Miller's storming And I Am Telling You, Aveta Chen's Beautiful and Wolverhampton's Jonathan 'Jonty' Dudley making his pro debut and having fun with a version of Beyoncé's Single Ladies. The show continues until Saturday.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

The Magic of the Beatles, Alexandra Theatre

"It's just like being back at the Cavern," said one excited 50-something fan at the interval for Magic of the Beatles last Saturday night. The audience was a mixture of young and not-so-young but all could sing along to virtually every song. The band went through The Beatles' three main phases: The Mop Tops, Sergeant Pepper and then the period after Yoko arrived. "John" was the one who looked most like the Beatle he appeared as but had the weakest voice - which was a shame as his sound was so important to the group. He was fine har-

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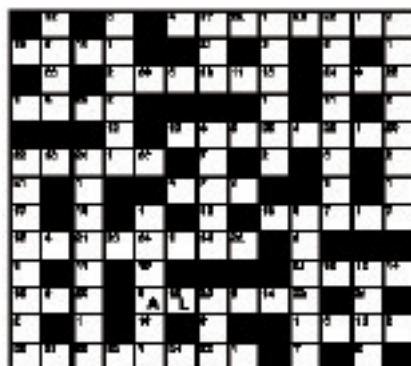
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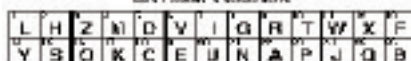
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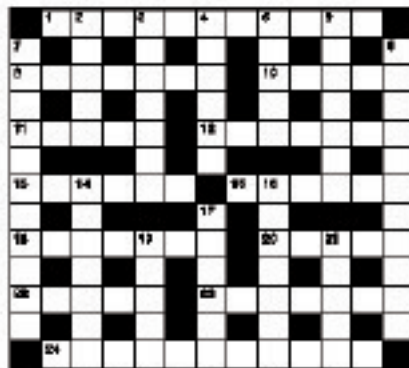
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How Rumer became fact

The latest singer-songwriter sensation Rumer tells LEON BURAKOWSKI of her 10-year struggle for overnight success

JUST a couple of years ago Sarah Joyce was waiting on tables and washing dishes. Now under her stage name Rumer, she sang for Elton John, guested for Jools Holland and has hit the top five with her debut album, *Seasons Of My Soul*.

Her mellow voice has been compared with Karen Carpenter and the great songwriter Burt Bacharach is among her biggest fans. Even former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott has Twittered about his love for her lush ballad *Slow*.

In the past few weeks she has appeared as Elton John's special guest on his BBC Radio 2 Electric Prom with Leon Russell and has been touring big venues with Jools Holland and his band.

But Rumer's apparent overnight success has come after 10 years of struggling to make it in the music business. That struggle was partly due to record companies not prepared to take a chance on anything other than the latest fad, and probably also due to Rumer's insistence on creative control. Or as she puts it: "To keep the music pure."

"There are so many talented singer/songwriters out there who don't get a chance," the 31-year-old songstress said. "If the music business had been like this in the past we would have had no Kate Bush, no Peter Dinklage."

"I approached every record company before signing with Atlantic and many approached me. I



Rumer on the steps to success after years struggling to make it

remember one A&R (artist and repertoire) man said to me 'You're music is beautiful, it's spiritual, don't sign with us, we'll ruin it'.

"My mother used to tell me to go on The X Factor but I wouldn't do that. It is an entertaining programme but it is not about talent, it is about the event."

So music had to fit in with day jobs which included call centres and waitressing, including the experience of being slapped in the face by a drunken woman customer.

But things began to turn in her favour when she met television composer Steve Brown, best known as Alan Partridge's long-suffering band leader in

comedian Steve Coogan's *Knowing Me Knowing You*. His arrangements brought a fuller sound to songs that were created on acoustic guitar and in Atlantic they finally found a record company that would give Rumer her desired autonomy.

The Pakistan-born songstress, who chose a stage name in honour of children's author Rumer Godden, cannot praise the label enough and believes there is something in Atlantic's heritage that makes it prepared to place faith in an artist.

Its roster of famous names including many of the soul greats, including her idol Aretha Franklin (Aretha is the title of Rumer's latest single) and such bands as Led Zeppelin and Crosby Stills and Nash. In the past few weeks, she has toured with Jools Holland, appeared as special guest at Elton John and Leon Russell's Electric Prom on Radio 2, and her debut album has gone gold after earning rave reviews from the critics.

Next month she will be coming to Birmingham for a concert at the city's Glee Club (December 13) and it is a city she already knows a little about, her boyfriend being the nephew of Brum-born singer and songwriter Steve Winwood, formerly of The Spencer Davis Group.

She has also won the endorsement of one of the songwriting greats, Los Angeles-based Bacharach, who has allowed her to record *Some Lovers* (a new song from his proposed Christmas musical *The Gift of the Magi*) to be partnered with a live version of his 1960s classic *Alfie* for a double A-side single called *Rumer Sings Bacharach at Christmas*.

"If what has happened to me can open the door for others, I will be delighted," she said.

"This is a brand new dawn for me and I feel strangely comfortable, that I'm in context now."

Festive feast for lovers of music

PRESTIGIOUS Birmingham venue the Symphony Hall is planning a bumper festive celebration of the season. The deep and sonorous sound of the Russian Patriarchate Choir of Moscow will be heard performing Russian Orthodox Church music and folk songs by candlelight on Tuesday, December 7.

Choristers from Salisbury Cathedral will perform Christmas music at 1pm on Wednesday, December 8, and the Salvation Army will present its Rejoice Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday, December 12, at 2.30 and 6pm.

Choral outfit Only Men Aloud will perform their Christmas concert on December 13 and, by public demand, again on December 20.

Top 'popera' group Blake will be special guests when the Midlands Hospitals' Choir bring its Christmas Celebration to the city centre venue on Tuesday, December 14, at 3pm and again at 7.30pm.

The Christmas Festival will start on December 17 with Carols By Candlelight featuring the Mozart Festival Orchestra in full period costume, plus The Mozart Festival Chorus.

Adventurer Ben Fogle will be the host when the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra present festive favourites on December 18 (3 and 7.30), December 21 (7.30) and December 22 (3 and 7.30).

Rhydian Roberts will be Hayley Westenra's special guest when she teams up with the Raven String Quartet and Edgbaston High School for Girls' Junior Choir to the Christmas Wishes concert on Sunday, December 19. Composer Jonathan Cohen invites the audience to join in at the Christmas Carol Singalong, featuring guest singer Sophie-Louise Dann, the London Concert Orchestra and Chorus on December 23.

Christmas Eve Classics aims to capture the essence of a traditional Christmas and will feature the London Concert Orchestra, Birmingham Choral Union and Lichfield Cathedral Girls' Choir. Last Night of the Christmas Proms, including the Nutcracker

Suite and a rousing British finale, will help classics fans work off the turkey with some patriotic fervour on December 27.

Mozart Festival Orchestra return in period costume for The Four Seasons by Candlelight on December 28 at 3pm. Veteran DJ Paul Gambaccini will introduce the London Concert Orchestra's performance of movie music by John Williams on December 28 evening. I'd Do Anything runner-up, young Irish jazz singer Jessie Buckley will be the London Concert Orchestra's guest for The Sound of the Musi-



Jazz singer Jessie Buckley

calcs on December 29. Beethoven's Ninth will be performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and City of Birmingham Choir on December 30.

The London Concert Orchestra will welcome 2011 with a New Year's Eve Gala at 3 and 9.30pm and then folk can waltz their way into the new year with a Johann Strauss Gala with the Johann Strauss Orchestra and Dancers at 3pm on New Year's Day. The evening will give Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*.

Bandleader Ray McVay will bring the season to a swinging end on January 2 with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, featuring The Uptown Hall Gang, The Moonlight Serenaders and special guests Jiving Lindy Hoppers.

From Lark Rise to Candleford, via the Grand

FOLLOWING the success of the award-winning BBC television series, a revival of Keith Dewhurst's original stage adaptation of *Lark Rise to Candleford*, is at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, from Monday until Saturday, December 4.

It follows a day in the life and relationships of the farm workers, craftsmen and gentry of the fictional hamlet of *Lark Rise* at the end of the 19th Century. It is the first day of harvest and villagers celebrate with the simple pleasures of music, song and dance, creating an evocative picture of a lost England. Based on the first book of Flora Thompson's trilogy of novels, this heart-warming play was first performed at

London's National Theatre in 1978 and nominated for two Olivier awards.

The company of 13 actors and two musicians include Sara Crowe, who played the 'first' bride in classic British rom-com movie *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, Eric Richard, who was Sergeant Bob Crier in *The Bill* for 20 years, and former G4 singer Jonathan Ansell, who was seen at the Grand earlier this year in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Whistle Down The Wind*.

Music is by folk icon Ashley Hutchings, of Fairport Convention, Steeleye Span and The Albion Band, who created the music for the original National Theatre production.

Glee fans have until Saturday to

catch the unofficial homage to the US TV show's remix of songs, *Don't Stop Believin'*, at the Grand.

Birmingham Repertory Theatre will be bringing the childhood favourite, Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden*, to the stage this Christmas, from tonight (Thursday) to January 8. It is the last major production before the Rep closes for construction work. At its studio theatre *The Door* on Saturday (at 11.30am and 1.30pm) Lyngo Theatre present *Watch The Birdy*, a play for younger children and their families.

One-nighters at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre continue with comedian Chris Addison, from *Lab Rats*, in stand-up action tomorrow night

(Friday); Asian stand-up comedy comes to the Alex on Saturday with Desi Central featuring Jarvier Jarquin, Hyde Panesar and American comic Dan Nainan; former Soft Cell singer Marc Almond is in concert on Sunday; The Chuckle Brothers get in the mood for festive fun in *The 12 Days of Christmas* on Tuesday; and Irish good time band The Saw Doctors are in concert on Wednesday, December 1.

Dance highlights include Birmingham Royal Ballet's *Cinderella* at the Hippodrome until December 12 and a contemporary triple bill from Stoppard Dance Company at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre for one night only tomorrow night (Friday).

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- ★ Large modern bathroom
- ★ Off road parking for several cars

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £229,950**WOODSETTON****BENBECK GROVE**

- ★ A four bedroom detached family home, cul-de-sac location
- ★ Extended to the rear ★ Refurbished kitchen
- ★ Two reception rooms ★ Guest cloakroom
- ★ Ensuite to master bedroom, family bathroom
- ★ Upvc double mglazing. Gas central heating
- ★ Garage and block paved driveway
- ★ Viewing highly recommended

Offers in the region of £219,995**COSELEY****FLAMBOROUGH WAY**

- ★ A substantial, elegantly presented 3 (originally 4) bed detached on a large end plot, having been refurbished and enhanced,
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Conservatory (20' long)
- ★ Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- ★ Luxurious bathroom, fitted units, a steam shower & jacuzzi bath
- ★ Superb gardens with sunny aspect.
- ★ Viewing is essential to appreciate this property

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £215,000**SEDGLEY****BROWNSWALL ROAD**

- ★ A splendid three bed detached situated on a large plot, walking distance to Cotwall End Primary school
- ★ Open plan dining room, archway into Lounge
- ★ Conservatory ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Family bathroom ★ Separate shower room
- ★ Garage with utility facilities. In and out drive
- ★ South facing rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £210,000**WOODSETTON/TIPTON BORDER****BENBECK GROVE**

- ★ A most desirable bungalow in a quiet cul-de-sac location
- ★ Newly fitted kitchen and bathroom
- ★ Large lounge ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating and upvc double glazed (not garage)
- ★ Well maintained private garden to rear
- ★ Detached garage and driveway parking
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £189,950**LOWER GORNAL****OAKLAND DRIVE**

- ★ A well presented three bedroomed semi-detached in a pleasant location with easy access to Gornal village and Himley Country Park
- ★ Extended to the rear providing excellent sized living space
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating and partial double glazing
- ★ Garage with workshop and potential for utility room
- ★ Secluded rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £174,950**SEDGLEY****SOUTHVIEW ROAD**

- ★ Ideal for Sedgley and local schools a traditional three bed semi
- ★ Refurbished to an exceptionally high standard.
- ★ Two reception rooms, extended breakfast kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- ★ Downstairs wc
- ★ New gas central heating. ★ Upvc double glazing
- ★ Private south facing rear garden ★ Garage
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £174,950**LOWER GORNAL****OAKLAND DRIVE**

- ★ Semi-detached property in a popular area close to Gornal
- ★ Excellent family living accommodation
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Through Lounge / dining room
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazing. ★ gas central heating
- ★ Detached Garage ★ Block paved driveway
- ★ Good size low-maintenance rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £165,000**GORNAL WOOD****PRICES ROAD**

- ★ A delightful cottage in a quiet backwater just a short stroll from Gornal village
- ★ Pleasant lounge, separate dining room
- ★ Country style kitchen with utility room
- ★ Large modern bathroom
- ★ Two comfortable bedrooms, potential for en-suite
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Rear garden with sunny aspect
- ★ Block paved driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950**UPPER GORNAL****RIPLEY GROVE**

- ★ A new home built in 2008 by Elan Homes
- ★ Deceptively spacious semi detached/town house
- ★ Lounge ★ Dining kitchen ★ Conservatory
- ★ Master bedroom with en-suite
- ★ Two further double bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazed
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Garage and off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,500**COSELEY****GOUGH ROAD**

- ★ Impressive Edwardian end cottage full of character
- ★ Two spacious reception rooms
- ★ Kitchen ★ Utility/store
- ★ Three double bedrooms
- ★ Large family bathroom
- ★ Conservatory opening on to delightful rear garden
- ★ Block paved forecourt
- ★ Large garage /workshop/office to the rear

£149,950 - 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT AVAILABLE**SEDGLEY****NORTHWAY**

- ★ A semi-detached on a substantial sized plot on the popular Northway development
- ★ 26ft lounge/dining room
- ★ 3 Bedrooms, built-in wardrobes to 1 & 2
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Garage and parking for 5 cars
- ★ Some sympathetic updating required
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950**LOWER GORNAL****BOUNDARY HILL**

- ★ Beautifully presented town house, close to Gornal Village
- ★ Four bedrooms
- ★ Lounge, good sized kitchen
- ★ Bathroom & shower room
- ★ Double glazing & gas central heating
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950**COSELEY****BERRINGTON DRIVE**

- ★ A three bedroom semi-detached property
- ★ In a quiet residential location
- ★ Open plan style living room
- ★ Dining kitchen ★ Conservatory
- ★ Three bedrooms & bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazed windows
- ★ Garage & off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950**WOODSETTON****PARKES HALL ROAD**

- ★ A traditional style 3 bed semi-detached which has been refurbished throughout
- ★ Open plan lounge, dining room
- ★ Modern Kitchen & utility
- ★ Garage with laundry facilities
- ★ Private rear garden with sunny aspect
- ★ Block paved driveway
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,500**COSELEY****BERRINGTON DRIVE**

- ★ Stylish and immaculately presented modern semi-detached
- ★ Refurbished to a high specification
- ★ Generous sized lounge ★ Dining kitchen
- ★ Two double bedrooms
- ★ Modern bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazed and gas central heating
- ★ Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £127,500**HURST HILL, COSELEY****CLIFTON STREET**

- ★ A most impressive semi-detached cottage full of charm
- ★ Revamped by the current owner
- ★ Generously proportioned rooms
- ★ Lounge ★ Second reception room
- ★ Kitchen ★ Utility area
- ★ Three double bedrooms ★ Family bathroom
- ★ A loft room (potential fourth double bedroom)

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950**UPPER GORNAL****NORTH OVAL**

- ★ A traditional sized semi detached on a good sized end plot offering a high standard of accommodation
- ★ Two reception rooms, extended breakfast kitchen
- ★ Three excellent sized bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
- ★ Garage and block paved driveway
- ★ Internal viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,500**SEDGLEY****CASTLE STREET**

- ★ Within walking distance to Sedgley Village
- ★ A traditional semi-detached with a garage
- ★ Lounge, kitchen, veranda/utility
- ★ Two double bedrooms and a nursery room
- ★ Modern bathroom with corner bath & separate shower cubicle
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Secluded rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £122,950**SEDGLEY****LIME ROAD**

- ★ A generous sized three bed mid terrace property
- ★ Convenient for Sedgley centre
- ★ Partially refurbished, some work required
- ★ Lounge, Large kitchen/diner
- ★ Cloakroom and Utility
- ★ Modern bathroom
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,500**SEDGLEY****LIME ROAD**

- ★ A generous sized three bedroom semi-detached property
- ★ Situated in a popular residential area close to Sedgley centre
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Kitchen and utility room
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Pleasant rear gardens
- ★ Viewing strongly recommended

REDUCED TO £112,500**SEDGLEY****KINGS ROAD**

- ★ A beautifully appointed three bedroomed traditional terrace in a popular area close to Sedgley village
- ★ Refurbished to a high standard with a contemporary theme
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ New kitchen and bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Ideal first time purchase

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £109,000**LOWER GORNAL****HILLSIDE**

- ★ A semi-detached in a popular location some updating required
- ★ Lounge and dining room/reception 2
- ★ Kitchen, rear lobby, downstairs wc.
- ★ Three good sized bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Large rear garden with sunny aspect
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
- ★ £1,000 CASHBACK ON COMPLETION

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £97,500**SEDGLEY****SCHOOL STREET**

- ★ A mid terrace traditional style property close to Sedgley centre
- ★ Two large reception rooms ★ Cellar
- ★ Kitchen ★ Downstairs bathroom
- ★ Two large bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Courtyard and garden with potential for off road parking to rear
- ★ Ideal for first time buyer

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £95,950**TIPTON****THUNDERBOLT WAY**

- ★ A modern and stylish top floor apartment with outstanding views
- ★ Light and airy lounge with dining area.
- ★ Kitchen with integrated appliances
- ★ Useful pantry/store
- ★ Spacious bedroom with built-in wardrobes
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Secure entry system ★ Allocated parking
- ★ 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT AVAILABLE

£89,950 with 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT**LOWER GORNAL****BROOKSIDE**

- ★ A one bedroom ground floor flat, close to the Village centre.
- ★ Ideal for buy-to-let or first time buyers..
- ★ Good size lounge, kitchen and a newly refurbished modern 'white' bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazed windows
- ★ Gas fired central heating.
- ★ Internal viewing recommended.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £59,995



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**DUDLEY**

THE BROADWAY
•Four Bedroom Detached Dining Room Leading To Fitted Kitchen/Lounge/Front Reception Room Utility Room/Cloakroom Two Bathrooms Gas Central Heated Double Glazed Where Stated Rear Garden •Garage
£269,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**RUSSELLS HALL**

CORBYN ROAD
•Two Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge/Dining Room Kitchen GCH System Double Glazing Where Stated Rear Garden No Chain
£99,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIVIDALE**

OAK CRESCENT
•Three Bedroom Bay Fronted Detached •Lounge •Fitted Dining Kitchen •Re-fitted Family Bathroom •Cloakroom/WC •Conservatory •Gas Central Heated •Double Glazed Where Stated •Driveway
£164,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

PENSNETT ROAD
•Three Bedrooms Extended Semi Detached •Open plan lounge & Dining Room • Gas Central Heated & Double Glazed • Extended Kitchen and Bathroom • Front and Rear Garden, Driveway
£104,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

MAYFIELD RD
•Two Bedrooms Lounge & Fitted Kitchen •Conservatory •First Floor Bathroom •GCH System & D/G Where Stated •Rear Garden
£104,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**ROWLEY REGIS**

HAILSTONE CLOSE
•Three Bedroom Link Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Utility Room/Ground Floor WC •Bathroom •Gas Central Heated/Double Glazed •Garage/Driveway •Front And Rear Garden
£149,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**NETHERTON**

BRATCH CLOSE
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Through Lounge/Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • GCH System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Garage • Cul-De-Sac Location • Viewing Recommended
£139,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

GROVE STREET
•Three Bedrooms •Two Reception Rooms •Fitted Kitchen •Ground Floor Cloakroom •Garden
£67,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIVIDALE**

STOKESAY CLOSE
•Three Bedroom Extended Detached • Two Reception Rooms • Extended Kitchen & Utility Room • Ground Floor Cloakroom • First Floor Bathroom • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Front And Rear Garden • Garage • Driveway
£179,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**QUARRY BANK**

THORNS ROAD
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Bedroom Three Leads From Bedroom Two, Two Reception Rooms • Extended Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • GCH System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Driveway
£92,500 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

MUIRFIELD CRESCENT
•Link Detached Residence • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Area • Kitchen • GCH System & D/G Where Stated • Garage • Driveway For Approx 2-3 Cars • Rear Garden • No Chain
£169,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**KINGSWINFORD**

MOSS GROVE
•A Four Bedroom Semi Detached • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen • Dining • First Floor Bathroom • GCH System • D/G Where Stated • Rear Garden Drive
£145,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**BRIERLEY HILL**

ROACH CLOSE
•Two Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge • Kitchen • Dining • Bathroom • Gas Central Heated • Double Glazed Where Stated • WC Downstairs • Front and Rear Garden • Driveway
£119,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

BEECH GREEN
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge/Dining Kitchen • Utility Room • Ground Floor Cloakroom • Gas Central Heated • Double Glazed Where Stated • First Floor Bathroom • Parking • Corner Plot Location
£124,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

BENNETTS HILL
•One Bedroom First Floor Maisonette • Lounge & Kitchen • D/G Where Stated • GCH System • In Need Of Improving
£65,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

WESTLEY STREET
•End Townhouse • Two Bedrooms • Lounge & Kitchen • Ground floor Cloakroom/WC, GCH System • DG Where Stated • Driveway • No Chain
£94,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**COSELEY**

GOUGH ROAD
•Three Bedroom End Terrace • Two Reception Rooms • Cellar • Ground Floor Bathroom • Double Glazed Where Stated • Gas Central Heated • Driveway • Rear Garden
£94,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**NETHERTON**

CRADLEY ROAD
•Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow • Kitchen and lounge • Double glazing • Bathroom • Gas Central Heating • Double Glazed Where Stated • No Upward Chain
£74,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIPTON**

4 CEDAR ROAD, TIPTON, DY4 8DT
We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £57,000 Any interested parties must submit any higher offers to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.
£59,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

ST JAMES TERRACE
•Semi Detached Residence • Three Bedrooms • Attic Room Currently Used As Bedroom • Lounge & Fitted Kitchen • GCH System • D/G Where Stated • Rear Garden
£135,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

ST MARKS ROAD
•Three Bedroom Detached • Lounge & Dining Areas • Fitted Kitchen • En-Suite • GCH System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Garage & Driveway
£164,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**UPPER GORNAL**

EYE LANE
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen • Bathroom • GCH System & D/G Where Stated • Garage • No Chain
£109,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**OLDBURY**

ST JAMES ROAD
•Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow • Lounge & Conservatory • Kitchen • GCH System & D/G Where Stated • Driveway • Rear Garden
£130,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIPTON**

8 PEAR TREE AVENUE, TIPTON, DY4 8NJ
We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £63,500 Any interested parties must submit any higher offers to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.
£67,500 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

GREEN PARK ROAD
•Much Improved Semi Detached • Two Bedrooms • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • GCH • D/G • Driveway
£495 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**UPPER GORNAL**

EDMUND ROAD
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Ground Floor Cloakroom • Upstairs Bathroom • GCH System & Double Glazing • Driveway • Rear Garden
£525 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIPTON**

STANBRIDGE WAY
•Semi Detached Residence • Three Bedrooms • En-Suite To Bedroom • Lounge/Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • GCH & D/G • Garage
£625 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

MAYFAIR CLOSE
•Semi Detached • Three Bedrooms • Fitted Kitchen • Lounge • GCH • Double Glazing • Driveway
£495 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

BUFFERY ROAD
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Two Reception Rooms • Gas central Heating, Double Glazing • Driveway and Garage, Housing Benefits Considered.
£595 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**ROWLEY REGIS**

WOOLPACK CLOSE
•Two Bedroom Mid Townhouse • Lounge, Fitted Kitchen • Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating • Off Road Parking
£495 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**ROWLEY REGIS**

CELTS CLOSE
•Detached Bungalow • Two Bedrooms • Lounge • Kitchen • GCH System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Garage • Driveway • No Chain
£550 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

SELBOURNE ROAD
•5 Bedroom Three Storey Townhouse • 2 Reception Rooms • Downstairs Shower Room and First Floor Bathroom • Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
£650 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIPTON**

DOUGHTY CLOSE
•Upper Floor Apartment • One Bedroom • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Double Glazing
£400 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

HIGHFIELD ROAD
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge & Dining Kitchen, Downstairs WC • Double Glazing, GCH • Driveway, Rear Garden
£550 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY**

CHURCHFIELD STREET
•Three Bedrooms • Three Reception Rooms • Kitchen • GCH System • Double Glazing Where Stated
£525 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**ROWLEY REGIS**

WOOLPACK CLOSE
•Three Bedroom Detached Property • Lounge, Dining Kitchen • Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing • Garage, Cul-De-Sac Location
£650 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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AUCTION 8 DECEMBER

AT: ASTON VILLA FOOTBALL CLUB @ 11.00 A.M.

114 Lots



Lot 1: 10 The Gardens, Fentham Road, Erdington..... Residential Vacant	Lot 42: 16 Victoria Road, Stechford..... Residential Vacant	Lot 83: 25 Pale Street, Upper Gornal..... Residential Vacant
Lot 2: 7 Bell Lane, Northfield..... Commercial Vacant	Lot 43: 29 Westpoint, Hermitage Road, Edgbaston..... Residential Investment	Lot 84: 3 Acorn Grove, Wordsley, Stourbridge..... Residential Vacant
Lot 3: 31 Aberdeen Street, Winson Green..... Residential Vacant	Lot 44: 11 Market Place, Wednesbury..... Commercial Part Vacant/Part Investment	Lot 85: 177 Wolverhampton Street, Dudley..... Commercial/Residential Investment
Lot 4: 254 Summer Lane, Newtown..... Commercial Vacant	Lot 45: Hardwick Court, Wood Lane, Streetly..... Residential Investment	Lot 86: 25 Lightswood Hill, Smethwick..... Residential Vacant
Lot 5: Land r/o 97 Toll House Road, Longbridge..... Land	Lot 46: 52 Clifton Street, Wolverhampton..... Commercial Part Vacant/Part Investment	Lot 87: 646 Tyburn Road, Erdington..... Residential Investment
Lot 6: Site at 290-292 Hagley Road, Edgbaston..... Land	Lot 47: 182 Bacchus Road, Winson Green..... Development Opportunity	Lot 88: 1 Charnwood Close, Bilston..... Residential Vacant
Lot 7: 75 Alcester Road, Moseley..... Residential Vacant	Lot 48: 92 Dawlish Road, Selly Oak..... Residential Vacant	Lot 89: 48 Essington Way, Wolverhampton..... Residential Vacant
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Lot 10: 189 Cannock Road, Wolverhampton..... Residential Vacant	Lot 51: Former Dolmac Site, Alexandra Road, Tipton..... Development Opportunity	Lot 92: 34 The Parade, Cradley Heath..... Residential Vacant
Lot 11: 21 Thorn Road, Bournville..... Residential Vacant	Lot 52: Land Adjacent 25 Allibut Street, Cradley Heath..... Development Opportunity	Lot 93: 16 Taylor Road, Parkfield, Wolverhampton..... Residential Vacant
Lot 12: The Iron Master, Wesley Street, Bilston..... Development Opportunity	Lot 53: Land Between 68 & 70 Carisbrook Road, Wednesbury..... Development Opportunity	Lot 94: 185 Cotterills Lane, Ward End..... Residential Vacant
Lot 13: 264 Chester Road, Castle Bromwich..... Commercial Investment	Lot 54: Land at 168-169 Halesowen Street, Rowley Regis..... Development Opportunity	Lot 95: 290 Selly Oak Road, Bournville..... Residential Vacant
Lot 14: 40 Aston Road, Willenhall..... Residential Vacant	Lot 55: Site at Jervoise Street, West Bromwich..... Development Opportunity	Lot 96: 47 Marley Road, Kingswinford..... Residential Vacant
Lot 15: 721-725 Stratford Road, Sparkhill..... SOLD PRIOR	Lot 56: Site Adjacent 2 Lea Avenue, Wednesbury..... Development Opportunity	Lot 97: 50 Gordon Road, Harborne..... Residential Vacant
Lot 16: 34 Harden Road, Walsall..... Residential Vacant	Lot 57: Site at Purdy Road/Batmans Hill Road, Tipton..... Development Opportunity	Lot 98: 38 Central Avenue, Bilston..... Residential Vacant
Lot 17: Unit 2 Astle Park, West Bromwich..... Commercial Vacant	Lot 58: Site at 188-206 Toll End Road, Tipton..... Residential Investment	Lot 99: 199 Alvechurch Road, West Heath..... Residential Vacant
Lot 18: 23 Burton Crescent, Wolverhampton..... Residential Investment	Lot 59: 71 Dogpool Lane, Selly Park..... Residential Vacant	Lot 100: 272 Moseley Road, Highgate..... Commercial Vacant
Lot 19: 178 Prince of Wales Lane, Warstock..... Residential Investment	Lot 60: 12 May Street, Burslem Stoke on Trent..... Residential Vacant	Lot 101: 4 Hannah Road, Bilston..... SOLD PRIOR
Lot 20: The Freebodies Tavern, 69 St John Street, Dudley..... Development Opportunity	Lot 61: 71 Berdmore Street, Fenton, Stoke on Trent..... Residential Vacant	Lot 102: 17 Walker Street, Tipton..... Residential Vacant
Lot 21: 65 High Street, Brierley Hill..... Commercial Vacant	Lot 62: 21 Trinity Road, Willenhall..... Residential Vacant	Lot 103: 73 Links Road, Penn, Wolverhampton..... Residential Vacant
Lot 22: 16 Oak Tree House, 37 Prospect Road, Moseley..... Development Opportunity	Lot 63: 93 Cape Hill, Smethwick..... Commercial Investment	Lot 104: 23 Eagle Crescent, Eccleshall, Staffs..... Residential Investment
Lot 23: The Hill Tavern, 1/2 Watson Green Road, Dudley..... Commercial Vacant	Lot 64: 57 Anderton Park Road, Moseley..... Residential Investment	Lot 105: 42 Normanton Tower, Portfield Grove, Erdington..... Residential Vacant
Lot 24: 844 Bridgnorth Road, Wolverhampton..... Commercial Vacant	Lot 65: 28 Belgrade Road, Wolverhampton..... Residential Vacant	Lot 106: 23 Eagle Crescent, Eccleshall, Staffs..... Residential Investment
Lot 25: 2 Moor Pool Avenue, Harborne..... Residential Vacant	Lot 66: 19 Marshall Road, Willenhall..... Residential Investment	Lot 107: The Barn, 479 Bordesley Green East, Stechford..... Residential Vacant
Lot 26: 94 Buffery Road, Dudley..... Residential Investment	Lot 67: 16 Oakland Road, Blomwich..... Residential Vacant	Lot 108: 102 Waterloo Road, Smethwick..... Commercial Vacant
Lot 27: 8 Mount Road, Willenhall..... Residential Investment	Lot 68: 188 Winton Lodge Road, Erdington..... Residential Investment	Lot 109: 4 Douglas Road, Cosley..... Residential Vacant
Lot 28: Land off Eagle Close, Rowley Regis..... Land	Lot 69: Premier House, Rolfe Street, Smethwick..... Commercial Vacant	Lot 110: 55 Hyde Road, Wednesfield..... Residential Vacant
Lot 29: The Day Lamp, Werrles Lane, Walsall..... Redevelopment Opportunity	Lot 70: 19-21 Henley Crescent, Solihull..... Commercial Vacant/Residential Investment	Lot 111: 10 Sandfield Bridge, Pensnett, Brierley Hill..... Residential Vacant
Lot 30: Land at Harvest Road, Rowley Regis..... Land	Lot 71: 8 Oversley House, Kinwarton Road, Alcester..... Residential Vacant	Lot 112: 7 Ingleby Gardens, Wolverhampton..... Residential Investment
Lot 31: Land at the Junction of Harvest Road & The Avenue, Rowley Regis..... Land	Lot 72: 214-224 Barr Street, Hockley..... Commercial Vacant	Lot 113: 104 Holden Crescent, Walsall..... Residential Vacant
Lot 32: 382 Baldwin Lane, Hall Green..... Residential Investment	Lot 73: 40 Beach Green, Dudley..... Residential Vacant	Lot 114: 63 Hayes Street, West Bromwich..... Residential Vacant
Lot 33: 16 Erica Close, Selly Oak..... Residential Vacant	Lot 74: 101 Bembridge, Brookside, Telford..... Residential Investment	Lot 115: 16 Farndon Road, Alum Rock..... Residential Vacant
Lot 34: 31 Brierley, Beacon View Road, West Bromwich..... Residential Investment	Lot 75: 18 Bradley Street, Pensnett, Brierley Hill..... Residential Investment	
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Lot 39: 20 Woden Road, Wolverhampton..... Residential Vacant	Lot 80: 13 Laburnum Road, Bournville..... Residential Vacant	
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 ■ lounge, separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen ■ four good size bedrooms ■ master with en-suite plus family bathroom, ■ large rear garden, substantial gravel driveway, c/h, d/g



HAGLEY
12 NEWLANDS CLOSE **£525 pcm**

Modern first floor apartment on a popular development
 ■ entrance hall, walk in cupboard, lounge area, kitchen recesses with modern fitted units / integrated appliances ■ two bedrooms, master with built-in wardrobes and en-suite shower, house bathroom with fitted suite ■ one designated parking space, electric heating, d/g



CRADLEY HEATH
2 DOROTHY ADAMS CLOSE **£675 pcm**

Modern detached house ■ hall, ground floor wc, lounge, separate dining room ■ kitchen modern units/integrated appliances ■ laundry room, 4 bedrooms master en-suite ■ house bathroom fitted suite ■ garage light/power, drive, rear garden, central heating



MERRY HILL
47 MADISON AVENUE **£525 pcm**

Stylish second floor apartment in a convenient location ■ spacious lounge, separate modern fitted kitchen ■ two bedrooms, master with ensuite, bathroom ■ one designated parking space, c/h, d/g.



PENSNETT, SHERWOOD,
BROAD STREET **£600 pcm**

Recently modernised detached house ■ rear lounge, g/wc, kitchen with freestanding appliances ■ three bedrooms ■ bathroom with walk in shower recess ■ tiered garden, c/h, d/g, private parking.



BRIERLEY HILL
99 FOXDALE DRIVE **£425 pcm**

Modern end mews house ■ lounge with gas fire, kitchen with freestanding cooker ■ two bedrooms, bathroom with shower ■ one designated parking space, c/h, s/g.



STOURBRIDGE
84 TREFOIL GARDENS **£595 pcm**

Modern second floor apartment on a popular development close to Stourbridge Town ■ spacious lounge with balcony area, modern fitted kitchen ■ two bedrooms, master with fitted wardrobes and en-suite shower, main bathroom ■ one allocated parking space, c/h, d/g, furnished.



SEDGLEY
41 TIPTON ROAD **£395 pcm**

First floor flat ■ lobby, lounge, kitchen with plumbing for washing machine ■ two bedrooms, bathroom with fitted suite including shower ■ garage and communal parking area ■ shared rear garden, d/g, duct heating



OLDSWINFORD
24 SWINCROSS ROAD **£530 pcm**

Modern end town house close to Stourbridge Junction ■ lounge, kitchen with modern fitted units ■ two bedrooms fitted wardrobes to one, bathroom with shower ■ rear garden, block paved drive, c/h, d/g.



DUDLEY, MIDDLEPARK ROAD, ROTARY HOUSE **£82.31 - £106.21 per week**

Warden controlled housing for people of retirement age ■ Single/double bedroom flats ■ Rental: £82.31 - £106.21 per week.

**Dudley
NORMAN STREET**

An impressive two bedroom end terrace house in immaculate condition with accommodation over three floors briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, upstairs bathroom, downstairs shower room, utility area, dining kitchen and a garden to rear. Viewing is essential.

£99,950**LOWER GORNAL
Ruiton Street**

A rare opportunity to purchase this land along with planning permission to convert the current building.

£99,950**Netherton
BOWLING GREEN ROAD**

A two bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, dining kitchen, downstairs bathroom, garage and garden to rear

£124,950**DUDLEY
Pebworth Grove**

Three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining kitchen, large rear garden and driveway to side

£99,950**WEDNESBURY
Teal Grove**

A modern two bedroom house with lounge, dining kitchen, driveway and rear garden. The estate is approached along a secluded driveway that is surrounded by Moorcroft nature reserve.

£89,950**OLDBURY
The Moorings**

A one bedroom end terrace house with open plan lounge and kitchen, upstairs bathroom, allocated parking and a garden to rear

£78,950**DUDLEY
New Street**

A two bedroom apartment situated in the heart of Dudley with accommodation over two floors. The property briefly consists of lounge, kitchen, bathroom, utility area, two bedrooms and a rear yard area. The apartment offers many original features and is full of character. Viewing is essential.

£69,950**ROWLEY REGIS
Gorsty Hill Road**

A three bedroom mid terrace house with two reception rooms, utility area, downstairs bathroom and rear area to rear

£69,950**OLDBURY
Bury Hill Road**

A traditional mid terrace house with lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom and garden to rear. Must be viewed

£89,950**BILSTON
Lees Terrace**

A semi detached dormer bungalow with kitchen, utility, lounge, two bedrooms, dining room, shower/WC, garden to rear and driveway to front

£99,950**DUDLEY
North Street**

Four bedroom mid terrace house with two reception rooms, kitchen and two bathrooms, garden and double garage to rear

£99,950**RUSSELLS HALL
Merryfield Road**

An extended and much improved semi detached house with three double bedrooms, dining kitchen, conservatory, enclosed carport, utility room, low maintenance rear garden and driveway

£124,950**COSELEY
Church Road**

A deceptively spacious traditional mid terrace house with many original features. The house briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, cellar, three bedrooms on the first floor plus a further attic room, gardens to front and rear and a double garage through secure access.

£135,000**TIVIDALE
Regent Avenue**

A traditional three bedroom semi detached property presented excellently throughout. The property has recently been refurbished throughout and briefly comprises of lounge, large dining kitchen, conservatory, downstairs shower room, utility area, upstairs bathroom, decked patio area, enclosed rear garden and driveway to the front

£129,950**DUDLEY
Miles Grove**

Four bedroom detached house with through lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, block paved driveway, garage and rear garden

£184,950**COSELEY
Brierley Lane**

A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, utility room, front and rear gardens

£70,000**STOURBRIDGE
Hemphalls Road**

A ground floor flat having lounge, fitted kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Allocated parking, close to Stourbridge Town Centre. Unfurnished.

£395 PCM**DUDLEY
Attingham Drive**

A well presented 2 bedroom apartment with secure entry and allocated parking. Has lounge with balcony off. Fitted kitchen with appliances. Double bedroom with en-suite. Part furnished, available now for viewings. Located close to Dudley town centre. No DSS. No pets.

£495 PCM**TIPTON
Ferguson Drive**

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£515 PCM**TIVIDALE
Darbys Hill Road**

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£625 pcm**FEATURE PROPERTY****Albion Parade, Wall Heath**

Modern 2 Bed Flat. Across two floors. Large Lounge. Modern Fitted Kitchen. Double Bedrooms. Bath & Shower. GCH. UPVC. Parking. Part Furnished. Value.

£450 pcm**FEATURE PROPERTY****Stallings Lane, Kingswinford.**

Large Two Bed Flat above Commercial Premises. Fitted Kitchen. Large Lounge. Utility Room. Double Bedrooms. Shower. GCH. UPVC. Parking.

£450 pcm**Almond Close, Kingswinford**

Extended 3 Bed Detached. Briefly: 2 Reception Rooms. Dining Room. 2 Conservatories. Modern Fitted Kitchen. Guest WC. Offered Furnished. New Carpets. GCH. UPVC. Value at

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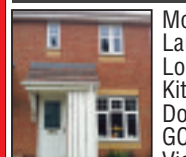
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£725 pcm**Jews Lane, Dudley**

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£675 pcm**Wrens Nest Road, Dudley**

Modern 3 Bed Semi. Large Through Lounge. Modern Kitchen & Bathroom. Double Bedrooms. GCH. UPVC. Viewing Advised.

£595 pcm**Cemetery Road, Lye**

Spacious 3 Bed Semi. Close to local amenities. Large Lounge. Fitted Kitchen. Large Bedrooms. Bath & Shower. GCH. UPVC. Driveway. Value.

£495 pcm**Cloughton Road, Dudley**

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£625 pcm



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DUDLEY
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£385 pcm



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Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front Gardens, Allocated Parking

£460 pcm



LAKE SIDE
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£825 pcm



CRADLEY HEATH
GREAT WESTERN DRIVE
Ground floor flat, lounge, kitchen, one bedroom, bathroom with shower, double glazing, gas central heating, Off road parking.

£395 pcm



PENSNETT
SWAN STREET
Semi-detached property, lounge, kitchen/diner, storage, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, carpets and curtains, garage, large gardens. No DSS, No Pets, Unfurnished

£550 pcm



STOURBRIDGE
LUCKY ROAD
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen, Study, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished

£650 pcm



BRCKMOOR
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LOWER GORNAL
SUMMIT PLACE
Cottage, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Carpets & Curtains, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

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NETHERTON
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End Terrace Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen / Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Parking, Front & Rear Gardens

£525 pcm



DUDLEY
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End Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Loft Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Available Immediately

£560 pcm



TIPTON
OXFORD WAY
Semi-detached, Lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, two bedrooms, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, carpets and curtains, front and rear gardens.

£575 pcm



DUDLEY
THE PARADE
Semi-detached, Lounge, kitchen, dining room, bathroom with shower, three bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazing, carpets and curtains. Unfurnished. DSS considered. No pets

£550 pcm



WOODSETTON
SHENLEY AVENUE
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens

£650 pcm



LYE
TALBOT PLACE
First Floor Flat, Lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, off-road parking, unfurnished, double glazing, gas central heating, carpets and curtains.

£410 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL
TALBOTS LANE
Large showroom/workshop 850 sq ft, additional showroom/office on first floor 600 sq ft, with kitchen and toilet facilities and parking for six cars.

£1000 pcm



DUDLEY
BOURNE STREET
Modern Apartment, Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, electric heating, allocated parking. Unfurnished, carpets and curtains.

£395 pcm



Wolverhampton
Goldthorn Terrace
★ Attractive one bed ground floor flat
★ Convenient for Wolverhampton Town Centre
★ Hall, lounge, kitchen with oven & hob
★ Bathroom with electric shower
★ Alarm
★ Allocated parking

£325 pcm



Coseley
Roseville Court
★ Two bed self contained flat.
★ Electric heated & Double Glazed.
★ Refitted kitchen and bathroom.
★ Communal car parking.

£350 pcm



Wednesbury
Forge Street
★ Two bed first floor apartment.
★ Reception hall, lounge, fully fitted kitchen with cooker.
★ Bathroom with bath and shower.
★ Communal gardens and drying area.
★ Car parking.

£400 pcm



Willenhall
Gipsy Lane
★ Two bed detached bungalow.
★ Redecorated and refurbished.
★ CH & DG.
★ Unfurnished.
★ Bathroom with separate shower cubicle.
★ Off road parking.

£450 pcm



Willenhall
Gipsy Lane
★ Two bed semi detached house
★ DG & CH
★ Lounge & separate Dining Room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Bathroom with bath & shower
★ Front & rear gardens

£450 pcm



Dudley
Inhedge Street
★ Modernised two storey mid terrace cottage
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Oldbury
Roway Lane
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★ Fully fitted kitchen
★ Conservatory off
★ Kitchen area
★ Newly fitted bathroom
★ CH & DG
★ Rear double garage

£550 pcm



Tipton
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★ CH & DG
★ Fully fitted kitchen
★ Bath & shower
★ Unfurnished
★ Off road parking

£550 pcm



Tipton
Bankfield Road
★ Modernised semi detached house
★ CH & DG
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★ Fully fitted kitchen & separate utility room
★ Enclosed rear garden
★ Driveway & garage

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71 BRUFORD ROAD, PENN FIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Mid Terraced in need of full refurb. Small area of foregarden, Two Reception, Kitchen area, Lobby, Ground Floor Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Garden.

Guide: £44,000 / £49,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th November @ 9.30 a.m.



39 ETTINGSALL ROAD, COSELEY

Spacious Semi, Two Reception, 18ft Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Heating to Radiators, majority uPVC windows. Large Rear Garden, Vehicular access and Parking.

Guide: £80,000 / £90,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th November @ 10.15 a.m.



41 ETTINGSALL ROAD, COSELEY

Spacious Semi, ample off-road Parking, Porch, Hall, Two Reception, Sun Lounge, Two Stores, 15ft Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Heating to Radiators, majority uPVC windows. Rear Garden with 34ft Garden Room/Store.

Guide: £80,000 / £90,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th November @ 10.15 a.m.



2 ROOKERY ROAD, c/o MEADOW LANE, LANESFIELD

Modern Detached on generous corner plot. Wide Hall, Two Reception, Pantry, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, majority uPVC and Heating to Radiators. Detached Garage, Tarmac drive.

Guide: £85,000 / £90,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th November @ 11.00 a.m.



Investment

107 ASHLEY STREET, BILSTON

Mid Terraced, Two Reception, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Garden.

12 Month AST from April 2010 @ £440 p.c.m.

Guide: £58,000 / £63,000

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Investment

473 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD, LANESFIELD

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- Superb lounge with feature fireplace
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
- Delightful rear garden
- Garage & drive way

£550 pcm



NEW

POOL LANE, OLDBURY

- Impressive refurbished terrace house
- Three bedrooms master with bed
- Splendid lounge with 2 x leather sofas
- Separate dining room
- Superb fitted kitchen with appliances
- Ground floor bathroom (shower over the bath)
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
- Delightful rear garden

£525 pcm



NEW

PARK STREET, LYE

- Impressive refurbished terrace property
- Two good size bedrooms
- Splendid lounge ● Separate dining room
- Superb kitchen with oven & hob
- Bathroom with small corner bath with shower over
- Gas central heating ● Upvc Double Glazing
- Delightful rear garden

£475 pcm



NEW

DUDLEY, WAVERLEY STREET

- Spacious semi detached house
- Three good size bedrooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with cooker
- Two reception rooms
- First floor bathroom
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
- Delightful rear garden

£475 pcm



NEW

DUDLEY, QUEENS CROSS

- Exceptionally spacious terrace property
- Three good size bedrooms
- Splendid lounge with electric fire place
- Separate dining room
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Double glazing ● Bathroom
- Ground floor cloakroom/w.c.

£425 pcm



NEW

DUDLEY, IVANHOE STREET

- Spacious mid terrace property
- Close to russells hall hospital
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Two reception rooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Gas central heating & upvc DG

£450 pcm



BROCKMOOR, CRESSETT LANE

- Impressive & Spacious End Town House
- Three Bedrooms ● Superb Lounge
- Distinctive Dining Area
- Reappointed Kitchen With Cooker
- Ground Floor W.C
- Refitted Bathroom With Shower Over The Bath
- Gas Central Heating & Upvc Double Glazing
- Delightful Rear Garden ● Garage & Drive Way

£550 pcm



TIVIDALE, ANITA AVENUE

- Impressive modern house
- Two bedrooms ● Superb lounge
- Splendid breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Delightful rear garden ● Drive way

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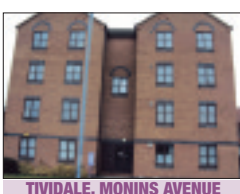
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KINGSWINFORD, BUCKINGHAM GROVE

- Splendid first floor apartment above Hollywood
- Nail Salon
- Two bedrooms
- Superb large lounge
- Attractive kitchen with oven and hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing

£460 pcm



TIVIDALE, MONINS AVENUE

- Splendid second floor apartment
- One double bedroom
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Newcomen Drive, Tipton



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Detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, bathroom, en-suite, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

Viewfield Crescent, Dudley



£65,000 **NEW**

NO UPWARD CHAIN, One bedroom first floor flat comprising communal entrance, lounge, kitchen bathroom, communal gardens and garage. VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Pimlico Court, Dudley



£116,995 **NEW**

Terraced three bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

Stourbridge Road, Brierley Hill



£129,950

Semi detached three bedroom property comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, reception room (converted garage), family bathroom, rear garden and driveway. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

Cecil Drive, Tividale



£70,000

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Kennedy Crescent, Dudley



£76,500

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Birmingham New Road, Tipton



£90,000

A three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of entrance hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom and rear garden.

Alexandra Way, Tividale



Offers Over £95,000

A two bedroom end terraced property comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage to rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Tudor Court, Tipton



£47,000

A flat briefly comprising of a lounge, kitchen, family bathroom, stairs leading to further bedroom/loftroom and communal gardens.

Northgate Close, Dudley



Offers Over £135,000

Three storey end terraced house, downstairs wc, sitting room/bedroom four, utility room, lounge/dining room, kitchen, master bedroom, en-suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, garage, garden

Langley Avenue, Bilston



£99,950

5% DEPOSIT OR DISCOUNT AVAILABLE. NO UPWARD CHAIN. A three bedroom property briefly comprising of an enclosed entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, rear lobby, dining area, kitchen and bathroom. Also having a rear garden. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property!!

Winrush Close, Dudley



Offers Over £200,000

A detached house comprising lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, downstairs wc, bathroom, en-suite, gardens, garage, en-suite and driveway.

Temple Way, Tividale



Offers Over £137,000

A three bedroom property comprising, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, bathroom, driveway and rear garden. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate this property.

Birchfield Lane, Oldbury



Offers Over £110,000

Semi detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, kitchen, utility area, conservatory, family bathroom, front and rear gardens. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

Harper Grove, Tipton



£130,000

A two and a half storey property comprising downstairs wc, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite, parking and gardens.

Meadow Road, Dudley



Offers Over £80,000

NO UPWARD CHAIN, semi detached three bedroom property comprising downstairs bathroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, upstairs wc, gardens, driveway. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

New Road, Dudley



Offers Over £80,000

A mid terraced two bedroom property comprising shared entrance passageway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, bathroom and rear courtyard. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

Thunderbolt Way, Tipton



Offers Over £140,000

A four bedroom three storey house comprising kitchen, lounge, downstairs wc, bathroom, en suite, rear garden and allocated parking spaces.

Great Bridge Road, Bilston



Offers Over £80,000

A terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear gardens, allocated parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

Field Mews, Dudley



Offers Over £115,000

Semi detached well presented two bedroom property comprising entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, conservatory, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Claughton Road, Dudley



Offers Over £125,000

Traditional detached four bedroom property comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, three reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, garden to rear and garage.

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WOMBOURNE VILLAGE**48 Bumblehole Meadows**

Superbly located within highly sought after Wombourne Village, this DISTINCTIVE DAVID PAYNE DETACHED FAMILY HOME forms part of this exclusive development and offers a VERY SPACIOUS arrangement of VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS LOUNGE, separate formal dining room, fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (all having fitted wardrobes and the master having an EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM) and house bathroom with light colour suite. Set back beyond an attractive low maintenance foregarden, together with the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying an EXCELLENT SIZED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £242,950

WALL HEATH VILLAGE**2 Beachcroft Road**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME, which enjoys a much sought after location and an 'open' front outlook, offering a BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and MUCH IMPROVED layout, comprising: Porch, Through Reception Hall, lounge with walk in bay, separate dining room, re fitted & enlarged kitchen with built in appliances, breakfast room, laundry, THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, re fitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. This impressive family home is further enhanced by the front lawns, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a good size level rear garden which has a private rear aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £199,950

KINGSWINFORD**377 Lapwood Avenue**

Very pleasantly situated next to an ATTRACTIVE OPEN GREEN upon the highly sought after 'Crestwood Park' development, this BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED AND VERY WELL PRESENTED, MODERN LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME, offers a VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor guest cloakroom / w.c., VERY SPACIOUS LOUNGE with AMPLE DINING SPACE, attractively refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed bathroom. Set back beyond a LARGE AND IMPRESSIVE BLOCK PAVED FORECOURT, with lawn running parallel and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN with GARAGE to the rear, which is accessed by neighbouring Austrey Road. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £174,950

SWINDON VILLAGE**14 Wombourne Road**

A MOST ATTRACTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a corner position within highly sought after Swindon village, offering a SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, offering: reception hall, large lounge, dining area, kitchen, garden room, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS (master fitted) and bathroom. The bungalow is set back beyond the well maintained front and side lawns with LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a secluded rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £174,950 - No Upward Chain

KINGSWINFORD**45 Hawkeswell Drive**

This STYLISH MODERN END TOWN HOUSE is superbly located forming part of this exclusive modern, cul de sac, development, located just off Charterfield Drive, offering a VERY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor guest cloakroom / w.c., spacious and attractive lounge, a single dining space, ATTRACTIVELY FITTED DINING KITCHEN with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master having an en-suite shower room) and well appointed classic white house bathroom. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY and enjoying a very pleasant patio / lawn rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £154,950

KINGSWINFORD**33 Stream Park**

A SUBSTANTIAL TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a superb, cul-de-sac position, offering an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS layout of BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED and EXTENDED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, reception hall, large attractive lounge, spacious dining room, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, rear hall, ground floor w.c., CONSERVATORY, THREE/ FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS and LUXURY REFITTED SHOWER ROOM. The property is gently elevated back beyond the DRIVEWAY, front lawns and to the rear enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with patio, decking and lawns. All enjoying a secluded rear aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £149,950

WORDSLEY**8 Ascot Gardens**

A MOST DECEPTIVE MODERN MID TOWNHOUSE which is superbly located within the sought after Ashwood Park development, offering a GENEROUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation which includes: entrance porch, reception hall, large lounge with dining area, rear lobby with store off, kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set well back beyond the low maintenance landscaped frontage and to the rear enjoying a very pleasant enclosed garden which includes patio and lawn. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £114,950

BRIERLEY HILL**QUARRY BANK****Orchard Street**

Ideally suited to the first time buyer, is this neatly presented, modern style, gas centrally heated and double glazed, two bedroomed semi detached property close to all local amenities, comprising: hall, kitchen, transverse lounge, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to rear, driveway to front, burglar alarm. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £99,995

**Thorns Avenue**

This traditional style, three bedroomed, gas centrally heated mid townhouse is situated in a popular residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs w.c., three good bedrooms, bathroom, and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £89,950

KINGSWINFORD**123 Ploverdale Crescent**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, MODERN, FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED DAVID PAYNE FAMILY HOME enjoys a superb corner setting upon highly sought after Sandpiper, offering a VERY GENEROUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor guest cloakroom, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS LOUNGE, separate formal dining room, ATTRACTIVELY FITTED KITCHEN with integrated appliances, inner hall, utility room, office/2nd sitting room, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with en-suite shower room) and re-appointed classic white bathroom. Set back beyond ESTABLISHED FRONTSIDE GARDENS with attractive shrubs and trees, together with a GENEROUS TARMAC DRIVEWAY and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE and SECURED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £249,950

SWINDON VILLAGE
NEW PRICE

Superbly located within rural Swindon village, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a secluded rear aspect and offers a VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, entrance hall, large lounge, separate dining room, CONSERVATORY generous breakfast kitchen, utility/lobby, ground floor w.c., FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS, master with EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM and bathroom. The property is set back beyond the TARMAC DRIVEWAY with front lawn, GARAGE and to the rear enjoying a GOOD SIZED LEVEL SECURED GARDEN with patio and lawns. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

PRICE: £244,950 - No Upward Chain

DUDLEY**COSELEY**
NEW PRICE
Cowley Drive, Milking Bank

An outstanding, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to an exemplary specification; enviable situated virtually at head of cul de sac with lengthy plot, the stunning accommodation includes entrance hallway, elegant lounge with 'timestone' living flame fire, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of oak units and many integrated appliances and a brick/UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, reappointed utility room & re-fitted tiled cloakroom. Principal bedroom with spacious shower room en suite, three further bedrooms, reappointed tiled bathroom with white suite, integral garage, landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £209,950

**Bancroft Close**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached at head of cul de sac in favoured district. Evidently the subject of lavish expenditure in recent years, the property has been transformed to an exemplary specification and comprises entrance hall, fourth bedroom, elegant 16'6" lounge with bay & oak striped floor, dining with oak striped floor, refitted kitchen with a fine range of Schreiber - contemporary style - light oak effect units, store, separate laundry, lobby, fitted cloakroom. These bedrooms (all with a fine range of Sharp fitted units & principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom, neat secluded rear garden. Personal inspection imperative for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

SEDGLEY**Wombourne Close**

Enviably situated within reasonable distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities, facilities, schools, etc., a conscientiously maintained & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached family home in quiet cul de sac. Accommodation provides reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room (with patio doors), kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, garage, carpet, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

DUDLEY**Aintree Way, Milking Bank**

An exceptionally well presented, immaculately finished, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached excellently situated in favoured district with good distant views. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, traditional reception hall, elegant 17'3" lounge with walk-in bay & living flame gas fire, dining room & a substantial brick/UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, laundry, fitted cloakroom (NB: garage presently sub-divided to form an 'office' & store). Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite & a fine range of built-in wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, neat secluded landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £187,950

SEDGLEY**Arcal Street**

RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED! A distinctive, particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached (with potential garage space) in a particularly convenient established district with walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, schools & all associated amenities. The house is covered by NHBC guarantee and comprises imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom/shower room, through lounge, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances & a utility room beyond. Three bedrooms, bathroom, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

UPPER GORNAL**SEDGLEY**

A significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached family home in well regarded/convenient district with panoramic distant views and tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay, extended 16'7" sitting room with patio doors, extended kitchen, three large bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite) and a house bathroom, secure store, rear lobby & useful CELLARS. Delightfully lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

**Dumbleberry Avenue, Brownswall Estate**

A spacious, ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district close to country park/open fields, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes: enlarged porch, reception hall, sitting room with bay, fitted cloakroom, dining room with patio doors, enlarged/refitted kitchen. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), refitted/enlarged bathroom with white suite. Lengthy (17'10") garage. Secluded rear garden, distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £176,000

DUDLEY**Fairview Road**

A remarkably SPACIOUS, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily UPVC double glazed detached highly individual Edwardian residence in popular district within walking distance of Milking Bank & so many other amenities. There are many fine period features with the accommodation comprising canopy porch, entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), transverse lounge, additional sitting room with double glazed patio doors, understairs store (leading to cellar), refitted breakfast kitchen with various appliances, sun room (with patio doors-glazed roof) and a separate toilet beyond. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, large bathroom. LARGE CONTRACTORS GARAGE (30ft x 10ft), secluded walled rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offer in the region of £174,950

LOWER GORNAL**Longfellow Road, The Straits**

An outstanding EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to an exemplary standard. Enviable situated with panoramic distant views the accommodation comprises entrance porch, reception hall, store, 23'2" through living/dining room (previously separate room) with feature fireplace & double french doors out to the garden, extended & refitted 15'3" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of light beech units & numerous integrated appliances, pantry, FOUR BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite, garage, block paved foregarden, lengthy rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

SEDGLEY**Western Avenue**

Enviably situated on periphery of favoured development with tremendous distant views, traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years as a personal inspection will confirm. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, superb through living/dining room (with bay & patio doors), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, spacious utility room beyond. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-fitted bathroom with stylish white suite, garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £167,950

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LOWER DORNAL**Walkers Wood**

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SYNDON VILLAGE**£12,500 REDUCTION**

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'Pigeon Cottage', 82 Pigeon Lane

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DUDLEY**Madonna Close, Milling Brook**

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DUDLEY**Gregory Drive**

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UPPER DORNAL**Harvest Close**

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VEDDLEY**Acad Street**

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COSSLEY**Legg Lane**

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DUDLEY**Cherry Grove, Old Park Lane**

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NEW PRICE

Autumn Drive

A well presented & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached at head of cul de sac in popular district. Superb accommodation includes porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated oven, hob & filter. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), tiled bathroom, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

UPPER GORNAL



Ox Street

An attractive UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated, freehold semi detached occupying a fine corner plot with good distant views in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen with integrated oven & hob, pantry, THREE BEDROOMS (one with double wardrobe), bathroom, 'low maintenance' rear garden, further front & side gardens with DOUBLE PARKING SPACE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,950

GORNAL WOOD



New Street

A tremendously enhanced & exceptionally stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, ENLARGED traditional intermediate terrace of character excellently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Stylish accommodation includes 22ft through living room, separate breakfast room (with patio doors out to the garden) and upgraded kitchen, lobby, recently repainted/re-tiled bathroom with white suite/electric shower, two double bedrooms. Neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

PENSNETT



NEW PRICE

101 Tansey Green Road

A MOST DECEPTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is delightfully located within a popular and convenient location and is further enhanced by the GARAGE situated to the rear and providing WELL PRESENTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation, comprising: UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, entrance hall, large lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS and a LUXURY REFITTED BATHROOM. The property is set back beyond the front garden and to the rear enjoying a GOOD SIZED LEVEL PRIVATE REAR GARDEN and GARAGE/PARKING. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01984 401777

Price: £114,950

UPPER GORNAL



Kinfare Rise

This surprisingly spacious, traditional style, double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, concrete print driveway and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Saltwells Road

We are pleased to offer for sale this much improved, gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed traditional style town house, which offers three bedroomed accommodation and is seen to comprise: hallway, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/diner, conservatory, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to front and rear, garage, uPVC gutter and fascia. Must be seen. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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The Quadrant

Situated in an established residential location, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed three bedroomed mid townhouse provides surprisingly spacious accommodation and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. The property, which would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement & upgrading, briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen; three good bedrooms, bathroom. Concrete print driveway, and a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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NEW PRICE

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Marine Crescent Three Bedroom Detached - Lounge - Dining Room - Re Fitted Breakfast Kitchen - Main Bedroom With Built In Mirrored Wardrobe - Re Fitted Bathroom - Garage - Rear Garden.

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Law Close Modern Detached - Through Lounge - Three Bedrooms - Re-Fitted Kitchen - Re-Fitted Bathroom - Office/Utility - Driveway - Central Heating

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Ward Street Cottage Style Det - Lounge - Dining Kitchen - Conservatory - Two Double Bedrooms - First Floor Shower Room - Garage - Parking - Garden - Viewing Recommended

**TIPTON** £110,000

Monins Avenue Semi Detached property - Dining Kitchen - Three Bedrooms - Re Fitted Bathroom - Rear Garden - Garage - No Upward Chain - Views Overlooking Canal Basin

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Dingle Close Traditional Semi Detached House - Three Bedrooms - Two Reception Rooms - Gas Central Heating - Double Glazing - Rear Garden - Garage - Driveway

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Queen Street Extended Semi Detached - Three Bedrooms - Two Reception Rooms - Utility - Downstairs Toilet - Garage - Driveway

**TIPTON** £112,950

St Michaels Way Semi Detached House - Three Bedrooms - Lounge - Conservatory - Garage - Driveway - Gas Central Heating - No Chain

**STOURBRIDGE** £94,950

Coppice Avenue Semi Detached House - Three Bedrooms - Lounge - Breakfast Kitchen - Family Bathroom - Front And Rear Gardens - Vacant Possession.

**KINGSWINFORD** £157,500

Honeysuckle Avenue Semi Detached House - Cul De Sac Location - Three Bedrooms - Two Reception Rooms - Kitchen - Detached Garage - No Upward Chain

**NETHERTON** £144,950

Marlow Close Semi Detached - Three Beds - Lounge - Breakfast Kitchen - Utility - Dining Room - Family Bathroom - Kitchen - Downstairs Toilet - Gardens - Garage - Driveway - NO UPWARD CHAIN

**DUDLEY** £99,995

Old Park Road Semi Detached - Lounge - Dining Room - Kitchen - Three Bedrooms - Family Bathroom - Front & Rear Gardens - Double Glazing (Where Stated) - NO UPWARD CHAIN

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Bradshaw Close Mid Terrace - Two Beds - Central Heating - Double Glazing - Parking - Cul De Sac Location - 5% Vendor Gifted Deposit. Paid. Please Call For Further Details. Conditions Apply.

**OKHAM** £154,950

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**LOWER GORNAL** £149,950

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**OFFERS INVITED****OKHAM** £135,950

Dingle Close Extended Semi Detached House - Three Bedrooms - Through Lounge - Driveway - Garage - Vacant Possession Offers Invited Terms & Conditions Apply

**50% SHARED OWNERSHIP****DUDLEY** £72,500

Northgate Road 50% Shared Ownership - Three Bedrooms - Dining Kitchen - Lounge - Downstairs Cloakroom - Front And Rear Gardens - Allocated Parking - No Upward Chain

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**DUDLEY** £239,995

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**TIVIDALE** £174,950

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**DUDLEY** £164,950

St Marks Road Detached House - Three Bedrooms - Two Reception Rooms - Bathroom And Ensuite - Garage And Driveway - Rear Garden

**WORDSLEY** £159,950

Fairfield Road Extended Semi Detached - Three Bedrooms - Lounge - Conservatory - Kitchen - Utility - Bathroom - Gas Central Heating - Double Glazing - Driveway Parking - Garage

**TIPTON** £134,950

Thunderbolt Way Three Storey End Town House - Three Bedrooms - En-Suite - Garage And Driveway - Viewing Recommended

**DUDLEY** £89,995

Blackthorne Road Semi-Detached - Two Bedrooms - Central Heating - Double Glazing - Lounge - Re Fitted Dining Kitchen - Bathroom - Front And Rear Gardens.

**DUDLEY** £84,995

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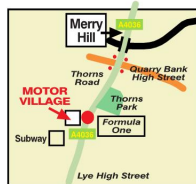
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As usual the UK public's emphasis on brand names having to fit an image means we've been slow on the uptake but Kymco was the joint highest selling scooter in the moped category in September and sales across the range have improved year on year.

Not bad at a time when bike and scooter sales are at an all-time low, writes Ian Granger.

The Kymco Downtown 300i is the latest addition to the Kymco stable and it's a very competent machine.

The first thing you notice with the Downtown is its physical size, it looks like a larger capacity maxi scooter and could easily pass as one.

The size helps to give it a good presence on the road and earns it a bit of respect from other road users.

Having said that, though, the sheer size of it isn't a handicap and once you start to use it that bulk disappears and it's certainly no heavyweight.

Angle

The Downtown is a good-looking machine from any angle. It's also built very well and everything on it looks to be of good quality. All the plastics look and feel strong, they fit well, line up properly and don't rattle about.

Couple that with large and powerful twin halogen headlights complete with LED side lights, an attractive and useful front screen, digital instruments, plus a sumptuous seat with rider's back support and room for two lids beneath it, a very comfortable pillion seat with grab rail, a lockable glovebox behind the legshields (with charge point inside) and you're well on the way to having a useful mid-capacity scooter.

The engine is a class-leading 299cc, automatic, liquid cooled, fuel injected, four valve OHC with twin balancer shafts to reduce vibration.

The engine produces more power and torque than anything else in the 250/300cc class, so expect to see 90mph on the clock. The extra power provided by that powerful engine would really come in useful on a long journey, as would the comfortable seat and riding position.

The Downtown is marketed as a sports tourer and they've got that description bang on. It has very good handling characteristics and superb brakes so you can have some fun on it around town or cover a few hundred miles in total comfort, either on your own or two up.

The Downtown lives up to its name and can handle stop/start slow speed traffic with perfect manners and balance but it's just as willing to have some fun when you leave town behind.

Some scooters leave a lasting impression and the Kymco Downtown 300i is one of them.

It looks good, handles well and is quick enough to be both useful and good fun wherever you choose to take it.

If I was looking for a new mid-capacity scooter I'd be very tempted to part with the £3,999 asking price at my nearest Kymco dealer.

Scooter spec

Kymco Downtown 300i

Engine: 229.7cc, four stroke, four valve, liquid cooled, fuel injected, OHC

Transmission: CVT (automatic)

Frame: Tubular steel

Dimensions: Length 2200mm, width 810mm, seat height 775mm, weight 166kg (dry)

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Boot of Williams ends the Saxons' winning run

STOURBRIDGE'S winning run came to an end at the hands of National One league leaders Barking.

There was little to choose between the sides during a tense first half with the visitors going in at the break with a narrow 7-3 lead.

But with fly-half Harry Owens putting in a Man of the Match display,

Stourbridge Saxons 8 Barking 33

Barking took control in the second period to secure maximum points.

Ali Bressington kicked a fourth-minute penalty to give Saxons the perfect start, writes David Lawrence.

The only other score of the half came from visiting prop Edward Ambrose who grounded the ball after the

Barking pack had been driven over the line. Adam Armstrong added the conversion.

The second half began with the home side pushing and a grubber kick from Matt Williams bounced into touch to prevent Tom Jarvis from gathering just short of the line.

That kick seemed to inspire the Barking fly-half who began to turn the screw on the home side with a supreme

display with the boot. On 49 minutes he kicked to the right-hand corner for David Vincent to touch down before a collapsed scrum in front of the Stourbridge posts was punished with a penalty try on the hour.

Further

Further Owens kicks led to further tries for Vincent and opposite wing Nick Fraser, Armstrong converting all

but one of his side's scores.

Cameron Brown pushed a 30-metre penalty wide of the posts midway through the half as the Saxons struggled to get their hands on the ball.

But they did have the final say when a neat passing move resulted in centre Charlie Hayter gathering the ball 15 metres out before twisting over the line.

Brown missed with the conversion

and the visitors returned to the capital with their unbeaten record in tact.

As for the Saxons, they head north on Saturday to face Sedgley Park.

Saxons: Hearn, Bressington (King 56), Jarvis, Hayter, Williams, Brown, Richardson (Silver 66), Davis (Baker 56), Wordley (Page 58), Pickard, Hughes (Thomas 58), Betts, Freeman, Rodley, Cooper.

Barking: Armstrong, Vincent (Shaw 75), Alfied, Sorrell, Fraser (Pannery 75), Owens, Heeks, Ambrose (MacKenzie 66), Bloomberg (Rodriguez 75), MacKenzie (Luffchak 41), Lloyd-Jones, Thomas, Ngan (Burns 75), Andrews, Kellard.



Jamie Ramsey streaks away en route to a magnificent 55-metre try



DK second row Ben Connett steals a NOE lineout throw



James Jefferson is collared but gets over for DK's fourth try

Hat-trick for Farrington in huge win

Dudley Kingswinford 78 Nuneaton Old Edwardians 7

MATT FARRINGTON scored a hat-trick as Dudley Kingswinford racked up their biggest win of the season with a 78-7 thrashing of Nuneaton Old Edwardians.

James Jefferson and Stefan Shillingford notched two tries apiece in what was DK's 11th consecutive victory, keeping them top of the Midlands 1 West division.

Before kick-off both teams paid tribute to DK club member Simon Parker, who died earlier this month at the age of 33. DK then turned in a performance of which Simon would have been proud, starting the scoring just two minutes in.

A fine move involving Gareth Bown, Simon Fletcher and Shillingford put Farrington over in the corner, with Jon Higgins's conversion making it 7-0. *writes Peter Stinton.*

On eight minutes it was 12-0 when a Higgins kick through the Nuneaton defence was taken over the line by Ian Langford, before the try-scorer sent in Bown under the post six minutes later.

Try number four came on 16 minutes when Ollie Shakespeare added when Jefferson who expertly chipped over the defence and collected the ball before crashing over the line for a converted try.

Breathtaking

It was breathtaking stuff from DK and on 19 minutes Jefferson added another following a sweeping move, before more intense pressure yielded the sixth try of the game for Stefan Thorp.

Nuneaton has little answer to the barrage and a truly exquisite score soon followed when Jefferson flipped an extravagant pass behind his back to Ben Connect, who switched to Shillingford for the try, duly converted by



Flanker Ian Langford sets off on a run

Higgins for 43-0.

The visitors were out on their feet and Farrington stepped through their overworked cover to score under the posts for a 50-0 half time lead.

After the break the onslaught continued when Jamie Ramsey notched a scorching try, picking up a scrum five minutes inside his own half and galloping off on a 55-metre run, taking on several defenders before diving under the posts.

A yellow card for Langford slowed things down for DK who were unable to keep up their frantic first half momentum, but

they added a 10th try on 64 minutes when Ramsey sent in Shillingford for his second of the afternoon.

Simon Fletcher then fed Farrington to complete his hat trick, before Nuneaton grabbed a consolation through Dane Calcutovic with a rare attack at the other end.

DK had the last word however, when a couple of strong scrums resulted in Mike Jones going over for a converted try for a final score of 78-7.

Next up for the table-toppers is a trip to Old Halesonians on Saturday (2.15pm).

Tribute is paid to Simon Parker

A MINUTE'S silence was held before the Dudley Kingswinford game in memory of Simon Parker, who died earlier this month at the age of 33.

Simon had been a club member at DK for many years and was well known in North Midlands rugby for his work in the DK youth squad.

In recent years he provided paramedic cover for games on Sunday mornings.

A spokesman for the club said: "Even though he had been diagnosed with cancer, Simon's outlook on life remained positive.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with mom and dad, Val and Bob and brother, Nick."



Stefan Thorp powers past the visitors' cover to record try number six. Pictures: Peter Stinton



Second row Craig Fielding was sinbinned for this high tackle on James Jefferson

Martin races in with stunning solo try, but it's dour overall

Kidderminster Carolians 23 Berkswell & Balsall 8

IT MIGHT not have been pretty, but it was vital.

Kidderminster Carolians, heavily reliant on the boot of Andy McLellan, beat the side immediately below them and moved within sight of mid-table, *writes Martin Easton.*

Inside the first five minutes the visitors were caught offside and McLellan punished them with a 30-metre penalty but from the restart KC's lost possession and Berkswell scored in the corner.

Nudged

McLellan then missed a close-range penalty but KCs were able to camp in Berkswell's 22 for a good half-hour.

A McLellan penalty nudged them ahead and when Berkswell

killed the ball for the umpteenth time the referee yellow carded their number seven.

McLellan's drop goal put them 9-5 up at the turn. Another drop goal saw Berkswell reply with a penalty to trail 12-8 in a dour second half.

McLellan added another drop and penalty and right on the final whistle centre Nick Martin side-stepped a marker in his own 22, spun out of another despairing tackle and then outpaced the last defender for an outstanding individual try to illuminate the game.

K'minster 38 Tamworth 5

There were two tries each for Dan Cooper, Joe Carey Jenkins and Miles Perry with three conversions by David Bisset and one by Mitch Dwyers in the under-15s' fine victory.



Wolves' Kevin Doyle is off the mark as he climbs to head home his first goal of the season

Wolves have no margin for error

Blackpool 2 Wolves 1

THE BOOS came at half-time – but the damage was done after less than three minutes.

Much of the talk on the radio airwaves on the way back surrounded the reasons why Prince William attended the game.

But Wolves fans would have been more interested at the decision of chairman Steve Morgan to sit among the visiting supporters, *writes Tim Nash*.

Like the other 2,000-plus in the visitors' end, Morgan, who was with Steve Bull, was probably wondering why his team keep shooting themselves in the foot.

'Stay in the game for 10 minutes then we'll build from there' was one of the main thrusts of boss Mick McCarthy's team-talk before kick-off.

And yet despite the warnings, it was a case of 'here we go again' as Wolves fell behind again before their fans had barely settled in their seats.

Hair

The normally immaculate Kevin Foley had time to check his hair and his watch before dealing with Richard Kingson's goal kick, so long was the ball in the air.

But he might as well as have been getting his coat as he allowed Luke Varney to win the ball far too easily then lash home an admittedly unstoppable strike to put Blackpool ahead 155 seconds into the game.

Possibly for the first time this season, we saw players delaying letting fly from shooting positions and, in the second half, trying to walk the ball in.

As they are continually left to chase games, the fluency of their passing game has been replaced by a nervousness that threatens to choke their efforts to escape their current predicament.

Somehow, and from somewhere,



Matthew Phillips puts Stephen Hunt under pressure

Wolves have to rediscover that missing confidence and belief before it's too late.

All around them, teams give them hope with unexpected results, such as Birmingham's victory over Chelsea.

But with Wolves anchored by their own poor decision-making in both penalty areas, they are unable to take

advantage of their own situation.

Quite what Morgan made of it is anyone's guess. Wolves conceding again before Kevin Doyle scored. But there's no denying his seat of choice on Saturday exposed him to the 'word on the street'.

And it can't have been particularly complimentary.

So, quite how did they lose?

Albion 0 Stoke 3

IF Roberto Di Matteo and his staff didn't know about the Stoke City bogey before, they do now.

A quite baffling defeat left Albion's head coach utterly bemused and probably with more cause than any of his predecessors who have been the victims of Stoke's freakish grip of this fixture.

His team comprehensively outplayed Tony Pulis' side. They monopolised possession by a whopping 63 per cent to 37; they put twice as many shots (8-4) on target; a corner count of 8-3 gave another indication of the flow of the match.

And it is difficult to believe Albion have ever dealt better with their opponents' famed expertise from throw-ins and set pieces.

But all this would only seem to prove there are lies, damn lies and statistics, *writes Martin Sztein*. Stoke, benefitting from a roll of the referee's dice once and perhaps twice, yet again contrived a way to add to their remarkable run of just one defeat in the last 26 league meetings between the clubs.

Resolve

Two second-half penalties and a stoppage-time bit of salt-rubbing left wounded Albion wondering what on earth they have done to upset the footballing gods.

Since the season turned on them so savagely at Blackpool three weeks ago, Di Matteo's men have run into one of those passages which test resolve and spirit.

But having taken one point from their last 15, Albion's task now is to make sure they don't start playing like a team which has taken one point from 15.

For, believe it or not, the Baggies are still in decent working order.

They missed the angles to their attack that the injured Chris Brunt's exquisite left foot has provided so far.

They are still waiting for Graham Dorrans to come alive.

They may have suffered from a subdued James Morrison performance on Saturday, the midfield playmaker never really recovering from a heavy first-half fall which seemed to take the wind out of his sails.

But in so many other areas, Albion are ticking the same boxes they were when they were winning at the Emirates and rattling Spurs, Birmingham City and Fulham at The Hawthorns before autumn turned to winter.

Deprived

In the centre of a Jonas Olsson-deprived defence, Pablo Ibanez and Gabriel Tamas dealt superbly with the culture clash Stoke's rudimentary advances proposed.

Ricardo Fuller, who is normally the symbol of the havoc the Potteries side bring to the Baggies, can never have been quieter; his new partner, Kenwyne Jones, was even more of a fringe figure.

Ahead of their central defenders, Youssef Mulumbu was again in towering form, winning and moving the



Peter Odemwingie tries to outpace Ryan Shawcross in a race for the ball



Scott Carson can't stop substitute Jon Walters making it 3-0 to Stoke

ball on with rapid efficiency.

So how did Albion manage to lose and by such a convincing scoreline?

The critical moment came in the 55th minute after Albion had started the second-half with a fresh vigour, only to be jolted by a penalty call against keeper Scott Carson after a skirmish of possession around their area had fallen for Jones to break into the clear.

Arguments about what happened next were still raging beyond the final whistle. Repeated replays only confirmed to me that Carson did everything right, spreading himself across Jones' line of advance but carefully avoiding contact; the striker went looking for the touch which his trailing leg found and fell dramatically.

Matthew Etherington having dispatched the penalty with precision, Stoke found themselves with a barely-deserved lead.

If Di Matteo's men didn't know what was coming next, the Hawthorns regulars did. Despite the fresh life

breathed into the team by substitute Somen Tchoyi, who in forcing two saves from Asmir Begovic suggested Albion have another potentially significant player, the fans are too immersed in the nightmare of Stoke-festivals to have expected anything other than more gloom.

Thus, 10 minutes from the end, a second penalty which Simon Cox conceded as he tried to get his body in front of Dean Whitehead – let's just say we've seen them not given – brought a second penalty, this time tucked away by Jon Walters. His second goal, 30 seconds from the end, came against a team dispirited by its first collision with the misfortune of this fixture.

It is to be hoped Di Matteo and his players do not doubt themselves. They are "little things", says the head coach, to change and improve.

But they are not far away. They just probably wish Stoke was. Far, far away.

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Bragoli lands hard-earned point for Tipton

TIPTON came from behind to pick up a Midland Alliance point against a side that had only lost one home game all season.

The Tipton side was unchanged from the midweek win over Walsall, Cameron Jones retaining his place up front with Jozsef Jakab on the sidelines through injury.

Dunkirk have been hit and miss all season but they have a good home record and looked to attack early on with the pace of Theo Smith, Jarrod Westcarr and Shannon Grant.

It was Smith's pace that fash-

Dunkirk 1 Tipton Town 1

ioned the first opening, he cut back for Darren Garmston who angled an effort over the crossbar. Tipton's top scorer Danny Campbell then fired wide after a Ryan Mosedale cross.

The home side took the lead on 22 minutes.

Tipton lost possession up the field and Dunkirk quickly moved the ball forward. Eric Bowen uncharacteristically tried to take an extra touch and Smith picked up the loose ball and burst through, keeping his cool with a well-taken finish.

The goal gave Tipton the wake-up

call they so desperately needed and they found an equaliser seven minutes before the break.

Good work from Bowen worked the ball to Ricky Baker and when Baker's cross was fumbled by Lee Broster in the home goal, captain Danny Bragoli reacted quickest to stab the loose ball home.

Despite Tipton's poor showing in the opening half they could have gone in at the break leading, Baker dragging an effort wide from eight yards after the ball fell kindly in the box.

Both sides made changes at the interval, Leon Pugh replacing Ross

Brown for Tipton and Ross McCaughey and Robert McCormick coming on for Anthony Gregory and Harrison Griffiths for visitors Dunkirk.

Dragged

Tipton were better after the break and took the game to their opponents, Jones doing well to create an opening but missing the target as he dragged wide.

Neat link-up between Campbell and Jones put the former away and he got a shot away which went wide of goal.

A late challenge from McCaughey

left Tipton appealing unsuccessfully for a penalty.

It was Tipton controlling the game but the home side always looked dangerous on the break, the speedy Westcarr denied by Matt Sargeant after another quick burst forward.

Nicky Campbell replaced Jones for Tipton as they looked for a winner. Campbell was unlucky when Broster did well to save at the near post after he had cleverly cut inside.

Bragoli was denied his second late on when the keeper gathered at the second attempt.

Glassboys so close to a replay

Droylsden 3 Stourbridge 2

THE GLASSBOYS pushed their Blue Square Bet North hosts all the way and were a little unlucky not to force a replay with a late fight-back in this FA Trophy encounter.

The Stourbridge coach was stuck in traffic on the M60 for nearly two hours and the team did not arrive at the Butchers Arms Stadium until 3.20pm, with the match getting under way 30 minutes later.

After a quiet start to the contest, Dan Gardner looped a header wide for the home team on 11 minutes.

Just a minute later Droylsden went ahead when Alex Brown fed Jody Banim and his low cross from the right towards the far post saw an unmarked Steve Connors rifle a volley past Lewis Solly.

Stourbridge sought a quick reply with a neat back-heel from Linden Dovey setting up a chance for Sam Rock, but his low shot from the edge of the box was too close to keeper Paul Phillips.

Simple

With 19 minutes played, the Glassboys fell further behind when a poor back pass from James Dyson went straight to David McNiven who unselfishly rolled the ball across to Banim for a simple tap-in.

Stourbridge deservedly pulled a goal back with 34 minutes gone. Ben Billingham swung in a corner from the right that Paul McCone flicked on at the near post and Ryan Rowe nodded home from close range past Phillips.

The visitors almost conceded straight from the kick-off as McNiven volleyed the ball against the underside of the crossbar.

Droylsden quickly struck after the interval to restore their two-goal cushion. In the 49th minute Liam Brownhill supplied the cross from the left for Matt Smith to glance a looping header beyond Solly.

Aaron Drake gave the visitors renewed hope on 85 minutes when he intercepted a loose pass and advanced to the edge of the box before beating Phillips with a crisp low shot. Rowe and Drake had half-chances to level but the hosts were able to hang on.

Cradley are hit by late winner

Cradley Town 3 Bloxwich United 4

CRADLEY were left to rue a dramatic injury time winner which saw Bloxwich overhaul them in the league table.

Bloxwich started the game well and took the lead on 19 minutes when Karl Edwards' shot across goal from the corner of the penalty area flew in at the far post.

The home side equalised from a goalmouth scramble in the 27th minute when Bloxwich failed to clear.

Both sides had chances to score the lead but went in level at half-time.

Cradley took the lead just a minute into the second half and looked to be in control when they added a third on the hour mark.

Corner

The turning point arrived on 65 minutes when Cradley were given a penalty which Bloxwich keeper Tony Simkiss saved when Onions opted to try to chip him from the spot.

Carl Morris pulled a goal back with a good strike in the 71st minute before Wayne Hayward volleyed home the equaliser from the edge of the box when a headed clearance from a corner fell into his path with just minutes left of normal time.

The game looked to be heading for a draw until deep into injury time, Leon Taylor turned his marker inside the area and drilled home the winner to leave Cradley stunned.

ROBINS MISS OUT IN MINI-CLASSIC

Bustleholme 3 Dudley Town 2

A SERIOUS injury for Bustleholme midfielder Ash Dale overshadowed an entertaining game at the Tipton Sports Academy.

Dudley twice hit back to level but eventually lost the match by the odd goal in five.

The hosts made several changes from the team which beat Barton a week earlier, with suspensions for Nick Turton, Jake Foster and Chris Wattle.

Alex Whitehouse, signed just 24 hours earlier from Cradley Town, was given his debut while Ryan Trumpeter returned from injury.

Dudley boss Steve Hinks brought in new signing Ian Ralph as well as fit-again Wayne Price, while former Crystal Palace defender Tom Edmonds kept the captain's armband in the absence of the suspended Alex Perry.

Bustleholme took a fifth-minute lead when Matt Jukes beat Price and delivered a shot from the right that struck the unfortunate Bustleholme keeper Tom Cox on the back of the head before creeping into the back of the net.

Just five minutes later Dudley were level from the penalty spot when Matt Martin sent Neil Page the wrong way after Tyrone Clarke had been upended in the area.

The goals kept on coming and Bustleholme retook the lead on 21 minutes through Jamie Clews, who turned in Jukes's cross.

Within five minutes Dudley had restored parity when Martin notched his fourth goal in three games, taking advantage of a glaring Page error as the keeper spilled Clarke's cross.

With defending clearly not in either team's manual Bustleholme scored with their next attack although there was little Dudley could do to prevent Max Whitehouse netting a long-range screamer.

Vengeance

It seemed both sides could find the net at will but, 27 minutes in, that was the end of the scoring as Bustleholme managed to hold the visitors at bay.

The second half saw the hosts threaten to extend their lead before Dudley came back with a vengeance in the final quarter of an hour.

A fine Wayne Price free-kick was tipped over by Page who also saved from Tom Edmonds.

Dale sustained his injury in an innocuous tackle late in the game. But the post-game prognosis was brighter with doctors predicting he could be training again in 10 weeks.

Table-topping Tividale beat their rivals

Tividale 3 Gornal Ath 1
TABLE-TOPPING Tividale came out on top in a battle of the West Midlands Premier League top two.

Indeed, had Gornal keeper James Pemberton not been in such tremendous form, the margin of victory could have been greater.

The home side took a two-goal lead inside the first 20 minutes. Their first came on 12 minutes and had a touch of slapstick about it.

The hard-working Brett Clarke charged into the penalty and was brought down. The Gornal defence stopped, expecting a penalty, but Kyle Hill took the loose ball and lashed home as the referee waved play on.

The second goal came eight minutes later when fine interplay between several Tividale players led to Chris Rabone side-footing hom.

The second half began in very much the same way as the first with Tividale dominant and Clarke fired home a third goal on the hour when he beat Pemberton from eight yards out.

Gornal threw caution to the wind with a three-man attack of Marvin Nesbitt, Calum Martin and second half sub Jake Morgan. It was Morgan who got a late consolation.



Tividale centre-back Joel Kettle heads clear. Picture: Ian Peters

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